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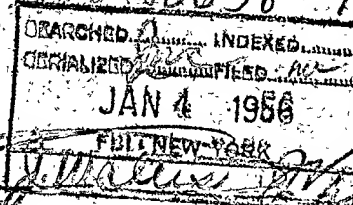
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District #2  
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On December 16, 1955, [ ] who was in a position to provide reliable data, made available to the NYO photographic reproductions of various notes and records possessed by CHARLES DIRBA, CP auditor, 540 East 84th Street, New York, New York. Included in this material were six schedules recapping membership data obtained during the current New York County CP registration. The membership statistics in these schedules are broken down to show the sex, age group, length of time in organization, CP club activity, whether or not regular reader of Daily Worker and Sunday Worker, occupation, national origin, trade union affiliation or professional status, and affiliation with mass organizations other than trade unions of members belonging to the various regions comprising the New York County CP. It is noted the aforementioned schedules reflect that up to December 8, 1955, 2, 299 members were registered in New York County.

Photographs of above schedules have been made attachments to the original of this memorandum.

The photographic negatives of above material are being retained in NY file 100-26776 (CHARLES DIRBA).

If above information is disseminated outside of the Bureau, it should be carefully paraphrased to protect the informant's identity.



- (1) - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA \* Membership) (12-14)  
1 - NY 100-26776 (CHARLES DIRBA) (12-15)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

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SAC, EL PASO (100-211)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
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Reference is made to Bureau letter to New York and other Offices, 12/9/55, wherein each office was requested to advise the Bureau by letter as to the extent of its success in identifying all Communist Party members, and securing complete and accurate membership figures.

This is to advise that there has been no meetings of the El Paso Branch of the Communist Party during the last quarter of 1955. Active members of this group consist of [redacted] and [redacted] head of the group. It is noted that [redacted] sells cosmetics from door to door, and during the month prior to, as well as including the Christmas Holidays, it was necessary for her to devote extensive time to her sales, since during this period of time she makes the greatest percentage of her income for the entire year.

[redacted] who is [redacted] of the El Paso group, has advised that [redacted] of 1955 as yet, however, [redacted] has indicated to this informant that they [redacted] sometime after the Christmas Holidays.

It is noted that this office has recently developed [redacted] and this informant has become acquainted with [redacted] and in the event of membership registration, he will, in all probability, be requested to register with this group.

[redacted] and [redacted] have advised that there has, as yet, not been any registration of Communist Party members of the El Paso, Texas Branch, which is the only known existing branch in this area, nor has [redacted] mentioned to them anything concerning registration.

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cc: 2 New York (AMSD, RM)

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In addition to the three active Party members in El Paso, this Office has three other Party members who have not been active in El Paso for the past year, insofar as is known. With respect to these individuals, it is noted that they are still considered as members since this office has received no information indicating that they have been dropped from the Party. It is expected that this figure will possibly be reconciled if and when the El Paso Branch of the Communist Party makes their registration.

The Bureau and New York will be advised when the registration data concerning the El Paso members of the Communist Party is effected.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176)

DATE: JAN 9 1956

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (100-9085)

SUBJECT: COMINFIL, NAACP  
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[redacted] by initialled notes filed in [redacted]  
reported to SA ROBERT E. MARGISON:

On December 9, 1955, the informant stated that he had been talking with [redacted] Northeastern Subdistrict District #2, Communist Party, USA. [redacted] stated that he had seen [redacted] over the weekend of December 3, and that [redacted] had been asking for the informant. [redacted] said that [redacted] was the instructor named [redacted] who had taught the informant at the Communist Party School held at Redding, New York. Informant has previously identified [redacted] by photograph as this instructor and all of this material is in the New York file on [redacted]

[redacted] said that [redacted] is the CP [redacted] for Harlem.

CC: 2-Bureau (61-3176) (REGISTERED MAIL  
18-New York 100-7629 (NAACP) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
100-62509 (12-11) (DOXEY WILKERSON) (RM)  
100-56205 [redacted] (RM)  
100-80770 [redacted] (RM)  
100-9555 (Membership) (RM)  
100-[redacted] (RM)  
100-[redacted] (RM)  
100-JEFFERSON SCHOOL (RM)  
100-Negro Question (RM)  
100-[redacted] (RM)  
100-ABNER BERRY (RM)  
100-UNSUB BEA (RM)  
100-UNSUB ABE (RM)  
100-PARTY VOICE (RM)  
100-UNSUB SAM (RM)  
100-UNSUB OSCAR (RM)  
100-UNSUB MR. LEE (RM)  
100-NNEC (RM)  
6-Albany 1-100-9085 (NAACP)  
100-8494 [redacted]  
100-11782 [redacted]  
100-11067 (NEGRO QUESTION)  
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[redacted] discussed the New York State Communist Party caucuses that have been periodically held in New York City and stated that DOXEY WILKERSON will no longer run these caucuses on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, but is going to be relieved by [redacted] DOXEY will go back to his regular job at "the school". [redacted] stated that there would be a caucus in New York City at 11:00 AM on December 17 at 124 W. 124th Street.

On December 16, 1955, this informant reported that [redacted] CP functionary in Albany, had told the informant that this meeting had been changed to a meeting of the Party Commission on the Negro Question, and that she and the informant would attend. She stated that she had been in New York on December 10 and had seen DOXEY WILKERSON and that he had told her that the New York State caucus on the NAACP had been held on December 8, in New York City and that no one from upstate New York had been in attendance.

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On December 18, 1955, the informant reported on this meeting held in New York City on December 17, 1955. He stated that he and [redacted] had approached the 124 W. 124th Street address, and that [redacted] was looking for an announcement of a Labor Commission Meeting. This meeting was announced on the bulletin board in the lobby as scheduled for Room 1; Room 1 turned out to be a chapter room for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The meeting was held in this room and attended by the following: [redacted] DOXEY WILKERSON; [redacted] ABNER BERRY, [redacted]

UNSUB BEA

A white woman in her early thirties from the Jefferson School; 5'2" tall, 115-120 pounds, slender build, sandy hair worn in a long bob, shoulder length

UNSUB ABE

A white man of Jewish origin. Six feet tall, 190-200 pounds, heavy set, fair complexion, brown hair with receding hair line. He is from New York City, is in the Jewish Movement, although he has not been in the movement long. He was asked by UNSUB SAM to do an article for the February issue of "Party Voice" on Negro-Jewish unity. He stated that he had not been in the Jewish movement long, but would write the article with some assistance.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT SAM

From the "Party Voice" gave assignments to ABE for the February issue of "Party Voice" and also assignments to [ ] and WILKERSON to do the lead article on the Mississippi situation. He assigned [ ] an article on the CIO-AFofL merger which she will write with some extra assistance. He directed that all articles be submitted during the week in January.

He is white, male, Jewish. He is in his fiftys, 5'8", 145-150 pounds, slender build, thin face, fair complexion. He has sandy hair which is sparse and receding and wears thick-lense glasses.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT OSCAR

OSCAR presided, is from Manhattan, and apparently a Party functionary because he made a talk on Party Registration. He is a Negro, male, 6'1" tall, 175 pounds, slender build, dark complexion, approximately fifty, has close cropped black hair, and speaks with a slight West Indian accent.

UNKNOWN SUBJECT LEE

Mr. LEE, a Negro male, is in his early thirty's, 5'9" tall, 175-180 pounds, stout build. He has a dark complexion, a noticeably large nose and wears horn-rimmed glasses. He apparrently is from Brooklyn. The informant has played softball with him at Camp Unity and describes him as having been on the staff of Camp Unity during the summer of 1955.

[ ] discussed this subject with [ ] and states that she is confident that Unknown Subject LEE is the husband of [ ] [ ] was unable to put any name to this individual.

Albany letter of August 29, 1955, captioned, "Wingdale Lodge" contains information from [ ] that one [ ] was a Negro who helped in the office of Camp Unity and would order jobs around the camp. [ ] described [ ] as an employee of the camp during the summer of 1955.

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[ ] was described as Negro, female, forty-nine to fifty years old, from New York City, married, with a two year old daughter named LINDA; 5'8" tall, one hundred twenty pounds, and extremely slender. LEE's husband was at the camp for at least a weekend.

The meeting was opened by Unknown Subject OSCAR who presided as chairman. He immediately introduced [ ] who presented the main report for the evening which involved the NAACP. [ ] spent most of his time talking on a Civil Rights Mobilization scheduled for Washington, D.C. in February of 1956. [ ] explained that this mobilization was not CP initiated, but was CP supported. He stated that the CP wanted unified backing for this mobilization from many organizations, specifically naming the Elks and the NAACP. [ ] explained that the Mississippi issues were so hot that the NAACP was afraid the situation would get out of hand and the NAACP was trying to quiet the commotion down.

The CP wants to build up the pressure against the NAACP through other organizations, so that the NAACP will have to move in this matter. The CP wants to weld a united front on the Mississippi issues. Also, it wants to get the Labor Movement behind this and [ ] mentioned Local 600 of the United Automobile Workers of Detroit as one segment of labor which had endorsed this mobilization. The CP wants this mobilization to develop into a mass merge on Washington. The CP wants this mobilization which will be in Washington on the first day Congress convenes to develop a delegation which will visit Congress for the purpose of supporting Congressman DIGGS and his proposal. DIGGS has publicly announced that he will introduce a resolution before Congress to prohibit the seating of the United States Congressman from Mississippi on the basis that they do not represent a majority of their constituents. [ ] stated that Local 600 has a petition against seating these Congressmen, which petition is receiving nationwide circulation.

[ ] stated that one [ ] of the African Methodist-Episcopal Church is touring the country to raise food and funds for the Negroes in Mississippi who are suffering from the economic boycott against their businesses brought

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about by the various White Councils that have sprung up in Mississippi. The CP, as a matter of policy, will back these efforts by the AME charge.

[redacted] will appear at the 143rd Armory in New York City on January 2, 1956 and the Party will support this appearance.

[redacted] stated that the CP is sponsoring a radio program over WAID on Civil Rights issues. He also stated that "The policy of the left" is to openly intervene in all issues. The policy is not to work in the background, but to let the people know that it is the CP that is intervening so that the people can know the CP program.

[redacted] presented a report on the AFof L-CIO merger. She stated that she had attended the merger convention and had distributed literature from the National Negro Labor Council.

[redacted] stated she represented the NNEC at the convention and was pleased that there was no Red-baiting. The NNEC advocated a stronger known discriminatory in the constitution of the new AFof L-CIO and claims credit for success in this regard. [redacted] commented that her report was a labor report and should be taken up jointly by the Commission on Negro Affairs and by the New York State Communist Party Labor Commission.

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OSCAR presented a talk on CP registration in New York City. He noted dissatisfaction with the progress of registration, commented that the registration of Negroes in the CP was still, and had been in the past, falling off. He stated that the Party had two hundred registered for 1956, whereas it had registered over five hundred for the years since 1952. He stated this Negro registration in the CP in New York City at one time was one thousand members. He stated that he, [redacted] and eighteen other individuals would meet in New York City in the near future to identify past and present Party members and get them all registered for 1956.

He again expressed disappointment over registration figures for New York City, and stated that this meeting would go through the list of former Party members again so that they could be contacted and reregistered for 1956. He specifically commented that [redacted] and [redacted] would be among the eighteen individuals who would attend this meeting.

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An announcement was made that a Christmas Party would be held in New York City in the Jefferson School on December 29, celebrating the end of parole for certain national leaders of the CP.

January 21 was set for the next meeting of the particular group in New York City. No location was mentioned.

At the conclusion of the meeting the informant and [ ] went to [ ] residence at [ ]. The Albany, Schenectady and Utica Branches of the NAACP were discussed and [ ] was requested to visit upstate New York and sit down with the Party members and lay out a plan of operations for them in the NAACP. January 27, at 8:00 PM was agreed upon as the night for this upstate meeting which will be held in Albany or Schenectady. [ ] stated that he wanted all Negro Party members to meet on this occasion. He estimated there should be ten or twelve in attendance. [ ] stated that they would be lucky if they got five members there.

LEADS

AT NEW YORK CITY

ELEVEN PEOPLE ATTENDED THIS CLOSED CP MEETING.  
EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE EXERCISED IN FOLLOWING THESE LEADS  
SO THAT THE IDENTITY OF THE INFORMANT WILL NOT BE DIVULGED.

New York is requested to identify the following individuals and furnish photographs to Albany for display to the informant who attended this meeting:

Unknown Subject BEA; Unknown Subject ABE; Unknown Subject SAM; Unknown Subject OSCAR, and Unknown Subject, [ ]

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Director, FBI (100-3-68)

January 12, 1956

SAC, Albany (100-9555)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
Membership  
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Reference is made to Bulet to New York December 9, 1955.

Referenced letter requested information concerning Communist Party membership figures as well as identification of various Communist Party clubs and Communist Party functionaries.

Membership

During January, February and March, 1955, AL CS 2945-S\* furnished registrations for the Western Subdistrict of District No. 2, CP, USA. These re-registrations reflected 43 Communist Party members in Syracuse, New York area; 16 Communist Party members in the Ithaca-Spencer, New York area; and 13 Communist Party members in the Triple Cities area, which includes Binghamton, Endicott and Johnson City, New York. AL CS 2945-S\* obtained these registrations from [redacted] Syracuse, New York, who was then operating in the Communist Party underground using the alias [redacted]. [redacted] has left the Syracuse area and according to [redacted] [redacted] has taken over most of the duties formerly performed by [redacted]. This informant also advised that [redacted] is the Organizational Secretary for the Western Subdistrict, District No. 2, CP, USA. This source also advised that [redacted] has in his possession re-registrations for 1956. However, due to conditions beyond the control of the source, the source has been unable to obtain the complete re-registrations for 1956. To date, this source has furnished this office with 8 1956 Communist Party re-registrations.

On December 14, 1955, [redacted] furnished this

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1 - Buffalo (100-4379)(Info)(RM)  
1 - New York (100-80638)(Info)(RM)  
1 - Albany (100-9555)

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office with 96 Communist Party re-registrations for the year 1956. These re-registrations were as follows:

Schenectady, New York area	- 36
Albany-Troy, New York area	- 39
Utica, New York area	- 15
Cambridge, New York	- 2

In addition to the above, there were 4 re-registrations which have not yet been identified with any group.

The above reflects 168 Communist Party registrations for the area covered by this Division.

Organization

Western Subdistrict

AL CS 2918-S\* has advised that [redacted] is [redacted] of the Onondaga County Communist Party, and that [redacted] is Organizational Secretary for the Western Subdistrict, District No. 2, CP, USA. This source has also advised that [redacted] and [redacted] handle the Communist Party activity for the Triple Cities area and Ithaca and Cortland, New York, as well as the Syracuse, New York area.

On April 11, 1955, AL CS 2918-S\* furnished information which reflected that the following are the Communist Party club groups in the Syracuse, New York area:

- Peace Group
- Jewish Group
- American Labor Party Club
- Special Club
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Club
- PTA
- Head Club
- Shop Club
- At Large
- Cortland and Oswego

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Through the efforts of AL CS 2945-S\*, AL CS 2918-S\* and physical surveillances, the identities of the individuals in the various clubs mentioned above are known to this office.

[redacted] has advised that there are only 2 groups in the Triple Cities area.

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Northeastern Subdistrict

[redacted] and [redacted] have advised that [redacted] is the Chairman of the Northeastern Subdistrict, District No. 2, CP, USA. [redacted] has advised that [redacted] is the Organizational Secretary for the Northeastern Subdistrict, District No. 2, CP, USA. On December 14, 1955, [redacted] furnished information that in Schenectady, New York, there were three groups, namely the Schenectady Community Group, Schenectady Shop and a group designated as Group II. This same source furnished information which reflected that the Group II is made up of Communist Party colonizers in the Schenectady, New York area. The identities of Group II have been identified by the Communist Party re-registrations and the identities of the Schenectady Shop and Schenectady Community Groups are likewise being identified through the Communist Party re-registrations.

This same informant advised that there are also Group IIs in Albany and Troy. There are 4 in this category in Albany and 8 in Schenectady. In addition, this informant advised there were 2 Communist Party members in Cambridge, New York.

On December 24, 1955, AL OS 2962-S\* furnished information regarding the Communist Party organizational setup in the Albany, New York area. Information furnished by this source reflected the following groups in the Albany area:

Railroad, Industrial, Community I, Community II and an additional group "At Large."

As set forth above, [redacted] furnished re-registrations for Group II for Albany, which included the Communist Party colonizers.

This office has live confidential informants in the Industrial Group, the identities of the members of the Railroad Group have previously been ascertained by this office, and there is a live informant of this office in one of the Community groups. This office at the present time is identifying the other members of the Community Group in Albany as well as the "At Large" group.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68) RM

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SAC, HOUSTON (100-315 Sub 2)

COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet to New York, P/9/55.

Although Bureau sources indicated the Party expected registration of members to be completed by end of December, 1955, [redacted] and [redacted] both of whom are participating in the registration in the Houston area, have advised that because insufficient contacts had been made for registration in this area by December 31, 1955, Party leaders have extended this period to January 31, 1956. According to these informants this delay has been because of several changes in Party leadership in this area during recent months, thus causing some confusion in delegation of authority.

For these reasons informants are unable to provide conclusive registration figures at this time. However, both informants furnished approximately 13 names of persons to be registered who had already registered or who will be approached in the very near future for purposes of registration. Each of these informants furnished approximately five or six additional names of persons whom they felt would likely be approached for registration before conclusion of the drive. Of the 13 names furnished by each, approximately 4 persons were known to be registered as of January 11, 1956, by [redacted] and as of January 12, 1956, by [redacted]

In the event any substantial variation in these registration figures should occur by January 31, 1956, the Bureau and New York will be so advised. These figures, of course, do not include ordinary sympathizers or persons who aid the Party but endeavor to remain anonymous.

Although these informants are not handling all of the registrations in this area, they are in a position to have knowledge of practically all persons who are registered.

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2-New York RM  
1-Houston (100-315 Sub 2)

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Membership breakdown as it appears it will probably be at conclusion of the drive, according to these informants, is as follows in this area:

Houston male Negroes	3 - 5
Houston women	4
Houston male whites	4
McNair, Texas (Negroes)	3



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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NY, NY, 1/5/56

Transmit the following Airtel message to: BUREAU

CP, USA, DISTRICT #2  
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ReNYairtel 12/22/55, regarding meeting of NY  
State CP Board on 12/21/55.

NY 1622-S\* advised that on 1/4/56 the NY State  
CP Board, under the name of the East Side Circle Club, met  
at 111 E. Houston St., NYC. The following individuals were  
identified entering or leaving the above address:


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NY 1622-S\* reported the following matters were  
discussed at this meeting: The CP NY State Board approved  
the temporary release of "SI" (GERSON) to direct a CP  
National Committee campaign which will function along three  
main lines - 1) Continuation of the amnesty for Smith Act  
victims movement, 2) Introduction of legislation calling  
for repeal or revision of the Smith Act, 3) Presentation  
of the constitutional question involved in the Smith Act  
cases.

A report on the current status of the 1955-1956  
CP registration indicates the three-quarter mark has been  
reached with a statewide registration of 75% and a general

- 3 - BUREAU (REGULAR MAIL, RM)
- 1 - BUREAU (100-3-94-34) (CPUSA, UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS)  
(REGULAR MAIL, RM)
- 1 - BUREAU (100-3-68) (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP) (REGULAR MAIL, RM)
- 1 - BUREAU (100-3-72) (CPUSA-POLITICAL ACTIVITIES)  
(REGULAR MAIL, RM)
- 1 - NEW YORK (100-96985) (CPUSA, UNDERGROUND OPERATIONS) (19)
- 1 - NEW YORK (100-80638) (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP) (12-14)
- 1 - NEW YORK (100-51820) (JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE) (7- )
- 1 - NEW YORK (100-4931) (CPUSA) (12-14)
- 1 - NEW YORK (100-79717) (CPUSA-POLITICAL ACTIVITIES) (12-14)
- 1 - NEW YORK (100-26603) (12-14)

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Special Agent in Charge

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estimate that registration for four of the counties in NYC will be in the low 90%. Negro registration is up to, and, in some instances, above average, although Negro membership is the lowest in years. Industrial registration is above average, with small losses in spots.

Two city-wide mobilizations are planned for the weekends of January 21-22 and January 28-29, 1956, during which CP will attempt to register 500-700 additional comrades. At the same time an effort will be made to strengthen the party organization and bring back individuals who have lost contact with the Party.

An analysis of average dues payments for the first nine months of 1955, reflected only 50% dues payments.

A discussion of Jefferson School of Social Science activities indicated a Fall registration in 1955 of 1,173 students. Proposals to increase student registration include support by the Party leadership and publicity in the "Daily Worker", and at all public meetings. The program of the school will be concentrated on youth, Negro, and trade union matters.

NY 1622-S\* advised that the next NY State Board meeting would be held at the Jefferson School on Wednesday (1/11/56).

A summary of the proceedings will be submitted to the Bureau by letter.

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Director, FBI (100-3-68)

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SAC, Philadelphia (100-32208)

CP, USA - MEMBERSHIP  
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Rebulet to New York 12/9/55 instructing offices receiving copies of the letter to advise by 1/15/56 as to the extent of their success in identifying all CP members and securing complete and accurate membership figures. Remydaylet captioned as above dated 12/28/55 in which information was reported from [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, that [redacted] CP, EPD, District Organizational [redacted] and convicted Philadelphia Smith Act defendant, announced at a Philadelphia City Committee meeting, 12/21/55, that the registration for 1956 could not be completed on schedule and was being continued to 1/31/56.

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The following is the organizational breakdown of the CP, EPD, together with indications concerning the knowledge of officers of the various CP groups and the membership:

District Board -

All members identified and coverage of most meetings obtained.

District Committee,  
aka., District Executive Committee -

All members known and the meetings covered.

City Committee -

All members known and meetings covered.

Negro Commission -

All members known and most meetings covered.

2 - Bureau (100-3-68) (REGISTERED MAIL)

① - New York (Info) (REGISTERED MAIL)

1 - Philadelphia (100-32208)

1 - Philadelphia (100-31723 (CP, USA - ORGANIZATION))

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Trade Union Commission -	All members known and meetings covered.
Organizational Commission -	All members known and most meetings covered.
Education, Literature, and Press Commission -	All members known and most meetings covered.
National Groups Commission -	Principal members known and some information received regarding activity.
Youth Commission -	Some members known and some meetings covered (efforts regarding coverage of youth activities will be discussed later under "Youth Section").

Other commissions have existed in the past, but there is no reason to believe that they exist and/or function at the present time.

The district and city membership figures are as follows:

NY-1637-S\* reported the District had 750 members registered in 1954 and 490 registered as of 8/31/55.

[ ] reported that as of 11/2/55, there were 385 members in the City of Philadelphia. Informant quoted [ ] as stating, 12/22/55, that there were 319 reregistered in the City of Philadelphia and 430 would be registered and/or recruited in Philadelphia by the close of registration, 1/31/56. [ ] added there would be 572 reregistered and/or recruited in CP, EPD, by 1/31/56.

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[ ] and [ ] reported, 1/10/56, there are 14 members in the Wilmington, Dela., Section.

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Director, FBI

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The following is a discussion of each Region and/or Section of the CP, EPD:

1st Congressional District (CD) Region,  
aka., South Philadelphia Region

This Region contains only one section which has no separate name. The Section Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer are definitely known. Section Literature Director and Press Director are believed known because of the functions performed by them, but not specifically confirmed. The Region is in the process of reorganization. The CP anticipated registering only 39 persons in this Region for 1956.

There is only one known functioning club with 7 members, all identities and titles known. 20 other persons will probably be reregistered for 1956, but registration not specifically proven on these individuals as yet.

Additional information is being sought and planned for through two live informants in the Region, extension of the Interview Program, additional neighborhood sources and logical fisurs; there is no immediate prospect of developing a logical anonymous informant; it is expected that more information will be received from live informants and the misur covering activities of District Officials, including the Regional Organizer.

2nd CD Region,  
aka., West Philadelphia Region

This Region is composed of 3 sections having 78 members registered and 8 to be registered, as well as a number of prospective recruits. The Philadelphia Office has exact information regarding all Regional and Section Officers; names of all members and most of the prospects; there is even information regarding the identities of persons dropped and the reasons therefor. The exact club breakdown is known in one section, including all club officers and members of these clubs; partial information regarding the clubs and club officers is available in the other 2 sections. Further details are being sought for complete coverage of the Section through the [redacted] informants who are CP members of this Region, [redacted]

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logical fisurs; additional neighborhood sources; recontact of an anonymous source as logical; and through two PSI's in the Region who are among the CP prospects for recruitment.

#### 4th CD Region

This Region includes the CP membership residing in the 3rd CD and the 4th CD of Philadelphia. It comprises 3 sections with 93 members on the rolls in 1955. The 1956 registration is incomplete, but the CP expects that the registration and recruiting will bring approximately the 1955 total.

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Philadelphia has exact information regarding the Region and Section Officials; complete information regarding club breakdown, officers and members in one section; nearly complete information regarding the other 2 sections. There are 70 current members identified and 11 additional persons believed to be members; some prospects for recruitment are known. Complaint was recently made that the Regional Organizational Secretary keeps no record, but has all his information in his head.

Further details are being sought through [redacted] informants who are members of this CP Region, including [redacted] and [redacted] through additional neighborhood sources; through fisurs; through logical recontacts with anonymous sources; and through PSI's believed to be among the prospects for recruitment.

#### 5th CD Region

This Region was formerly combined with the 6th CD Region and was recently reorganized into a separate Region. It comprises one section, the club breakdown being unknown and total membership unknown. Two Region and Section Officials believed known; 24 additional persons are probable members.

This Region received no leadership or attention for several years and the CP organization deteriorated, members are fearful and have refused to attend meetings. There is no information that the CP has been materially successful in its

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attempt to reactivate this Region. The Regional Organizer was recently dropped from the Philadelphia City Committee.

Philadelphia has concentrated on this Region heavily, especially in recent months. The volume of interviews of security subjects is probably responsible for the apparent failure of the CP to reactivate this Region.

Many fisurs have been conducted and many neighborhood sources exist. These will be continued; interviews will be continued as logical; anonymous sources will be developed as logical and possible; a trash cover is presently in existence on the Regional Organizer (the Bureau has twice refused requests for tesur on the Regional Organizer); 3 informants, 1 PSI, and 1 Panel Source live in the Region covered by the 5th CD and are attempting to elicit CP recruitment in this area.

#### 6th CD Region

This Region was recently reorganized after being formerly combined with the 5th CD Region. CP officials have stated there was virtually no organization in this area. The Region is composed of 3 sections that are presently in the process of consolidation into 2 sections.

Region Officials are known. The identities of the new sections are known, but section officials are unknown as yet. The club breakdown and club officers are unknown. The number of members in this Region is unknown, but the CP has complained that only 11 "comrades" in this Region read the "Daily Worker" which is indicative of small, inactive membership.

There are 2 informants who live in this area and are CP members, but have not been assigned to clubs, which may indicate fragmentary CP organization within the Region. There is only one functioning club known in the recent past, but this has been disbanded and most of the members reassigned to a CP study group. These persons are identified. There are 10 CP members identified, plus an additional 27 who should logically be attached to this Region.



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Future coverage is planned through 1 informant who is a CP member in the Region, plus 2 informants who are CP members logically assignable to this Region; through fisurs; trash covers; neighborhood sources; and extension of the Interview Program.

#### Industrial Region

This Region was created to cover the automobile, needle trades, transportation, building trades, fur and leather, and electrical industries. There are not sections and/or clubs for each of these industries, since some industrial clubs are known to be presently attached to "community" sections.

The exact structure of this Region is not known. One functioning section has been identified with 4 clubs, the officers and members being identified in 2 of these clubs, and the balance of the members believed known; one section exists on paper only, but has no operation or members assigned. The total registered in the Region as of 12/21/55 was quoted as 60 members with "several more" to be registered. Some of the members live in the Philadelphia suburbs, but are assigned to the Industrial Region. Philadelphia has identified a total of 63 persons who are not specifically assigned to community clubs who should logically be assigned to the Industrial Region. This figure includes those known to be so assigned.

Further details are being sought through one informant who is a member of the Industrial Region and one informant now in a community region who will probably be Organizer of the "paper" Section if it is activated; through logical fisurs; through neighborhood sources; through 3 informants now in CP "community" clubs who expect to be transferred to the Industrial Region; through one informant who is a logical prospect for recruitment into the Region; and through anonymous sources now in the process of development.

#### Professional Region

This Region is composed of one section and was recently reorganized with most members being transferred into community clubs and sections leaving only a "few chemists and scientists." The total remaining membership is not known; however, there



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recently was suggested a "Worker" bundle subscription goal of only 15, indicating a small membership.

The Regional Organizer is known, but the identities of the remaining officers and members not yet specifically established, nor exact clubs established. The activities of members of this Region are probably concentrated in the American Association of Scientific Workers with no specific CP meetings identified as such being held in the past few months. 11 persons believed still in the Professional Region in addition to the Organizer have been identified.

Future plans include 1 informant who is a CP member recently transferred from the Professional Section and seeking return to a professional club; 2 informants not CP members in the AASW; through logical fisurs; through neighborhood sources; and through recontact of established anonymous source and new anonymous sources when and where logical. Region activity is expected to be very limited in the coming period because the Organizer is known to be fearful of FBI investigative activity.

#### Youth Section

There is no Youth Section of the CP as such; however, the CP in recent months has been concentrating on reviving youth activities. CP members active as "youth" are known to be assigned to community clubs and sections. The CP general plan is to train and utilize CP youth in the Trade Union Movement and in industrial concentration and to use the Labor Youth League for public-type activities. The LYL has a sustainer program and some of the youth contributed their normal CP sustainers to the LYL.

Philadelphia has concentrated heavily on the investigation of youth through interviews, informant development, fisurs, and anonymous sources. The personnel in charge of youth work for the CP are known. Many rank and file members active in CP youth and/or LYL have been identified.

Future plans include information being obtained through 2 informants who are LYL members; through fisurs; through logical

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recontact with anonymous sources; through confidential sources who are approached by LVL for help; and open investigative activities, especially of the LVL and CP members identified through informants and other sources covering their respective clubs or regions.

#### Delaware County Section

The CP claims to have a section in Delaware County with a section committee of 4 members. The total membership of the section is unknown. Exact information on clubs or members is unknown. 3 of the 4 members of the section committee are believed identified and comprise part of the 15 members believed identified in this section. Extensive fisurs and neighborhood sources on members of the section committee have been partially productive. Future plans include fisurs and neighborhood coverage to be extended to other CP members in the area; through continuation of the Interview Program; and through a promising anonymous source presently in the process of development.

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#### Williamsport Section

The CP makes no claim to having reactivated this Section. No CP meetings are known to have been held in the area since 6/54. 10 CP members have been identified in this Section in the past and probably still passively retain membership, although no 1955 or 1956 registration is known to have taken place in the Section.

It is expected any revival of activity and/or registration will be detected through one informant who is a CP member in Williamsport, one PSI who is logical for rerecruitment; through neighborhood sources previously developed on past members; through fisurs; through coverage of District-level CP plans and reports at Philadelphia, plus coverage of District plans and reports through [redacted] who has recently been briefed.

#### Bucks County Section

This Section is composed of 2 clubs. [redacted]  
[redacted] who lives in Trenton, N. J., claims to be [redacted]

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[redacted] of Bucks County, Pa., and 3 counties in New Jersey. If he gives accurate information, his interest in Pennsylvania apparently is centered in the U. S. Steel Plant, Fairless Hills, Pa., (Lower Bucks County). He has given varying and apparently incompatible figures regarding "membership" in U. S. Steel concentration, once claiming 22 and another time claiming 35. Extensive efforts to identify the alleged steel concentration "membership" located only 5 CP members employed at U. S. Steel. These 5 are not known to be assigned to a CP club in Bucks County.

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It is believed Philadelphia knows all the officers and members of 1 club totaling 11 members which meets regularly with 13 other people who are sympathizers and may be considered as members or prospects for recruitment. This club holds semi-social gatherings including these sympathizers, in lieu of regular CP club meetings.

The second club is alleged by [redacted] to exist, but no specific information is known regarding its structure, membership, or activity. 5 CP members recently moved into Bucks County from other areas and their present CP club assignment is not yet known.

Future plans include 1 informant who is a CP member in 1 club; 2 persons who are prospects for recruitment into the second club, including 1 informant who is a specific prospect of [redacted] through continued fisurs; through continued delving into employment records at U. S. Steel Corporation; through trash covers; through plans for anonymous sources; and through increase of neighborhood sources.

#### Lehigh Valley Section

There has been no activity in this area since [redacted] [redacted] and ranking member of the Section testified in 5/54 at the Philadelphia Smith Act Trial. [redacted] has testified many times thereafter at Congressional hearings and has publicized the names of nearly all members of this Section resulting in loss of jobs to some and public stigma to others. Some members moved from the area entirely to escape

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notoriety. Testimony of [ ] was followed by Congressional subpoenas to many persons named by him.

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The CP planned to reactivate this Section in late 1955 and some tentative steps were taken, but as of 12/55, the Section Organizer, pro-tem, told an informant that he had been unable to organize activity of even a single CP group and had received permission from the CP to move his family back to Philadelphia. Dues have not been collected and there has been no indication that the 1956 registration has begun.

[ ] recently advised that he was told by the District Organizer that he (the District Organizer) had visited the Lehigh Valley area, but made no claim regarding any kind of reactivation. One such visit was made to meet with PH informant.

As of the time [ ] all members of this Section were known and 4 informants were members of this Section. In the light of subsequent inactivity and fear, only a handful are known to consider themselves as still being CP members. More detailed, current membership information must await renewed CP activity and registration.

Future information is expected to be derived from the 2 informants who are members of this Section, supported by fisurs and other logical investigation, when indications of reactivation are received from local informants, Philadelphia sources receiving plans and reports of District Functionaries, and [ ]

#### Anthracite Section

This section has had no local leadership for many years and not even visits from District Officials in the past few years. District Officials recently admitted they had no idea of membership and no contacts in this area. They avowed their intention to reactivate it and claimed to have started reactivation in 4 cities in the Anthracite Section. Philadelphia has no substantiation for this and no information that any person is currently registered in the CP.

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Philadelphia has conducted an extensive Interview Program throughout the area for the past few years with a high degree of success and cooperation. This program has probably been instrumental in cutting off CP activity. In the past few months, in contemplation of the revival of the CP, cooperative persons who were formerly CP members have been recontacted and alerted to possible CP activity and re-registration. Fisurs on former local leaders have been conducted and other sources alerted to any new "Daily Worker" activity or readers. Neighborhood contacts have been alerted. Contacts have been made with Pennsylvania State Police and local police departments for any signs of renewed activity. All these efforts have been completely negative to date.

Future plans include continuation of the contacts already made to receive any signs of actual revival of activity in the area.

#### Southeastern Pennsylvania Section

The Section Organizer is known, but the Section is not known to have any other functioning officers. This Section covers a rather wide area which has been broken down as follows:

##### York, Pa.

1 club with 5 members on which exact information on all the officers and members is known.

##### Reading, Pa.

3 clubs composed of 14 members; officers unknown; members probably all known.

##### Harrisburg, Pa.

1 club containing 8 members as of 1954. Present setup unknown. Each of the 8 1954 members is believed to be known.

##### Lancaster, Pa.

1 club with 3 members, 1 of whom is known and the 2 additional are believed known.



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Miscellaneous (Southeastern Pennsylvania Section Cont'd)

In 1954, the CP records showed 7 members from whom no dues were being collected. These 7 members are not known to have been formally affiliated with clubs and are not known to have been controlled by the CP in recent years; of these, 3 are believed known, with 4 unknown.

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There has been constant activity only by the York Club. Reading is known to have been totally inactive, but is now making tentative efforts to revive activity. The extent of activity of the Harrisburg and Lancaster Clubs is not known.

Extensive interviews, especially in the past 2 years, in Harrisburg and Lancaster is believed to have probably discouraged activity. In 1954, [redacted]

[redacted] and testified at the Philadelphia Smith Act Trial. He later appeared before a Congressional Committee and named many members in his part of Southeastern Pennsylvania. This stopped the meetings of the Reading Clubs at least.

Future plans include 2 informants who are in the CP; logical fisurs; further expansion of neighborhood sources; and additional interviews as logical.

Wilmington, Dela., Section

This Section, while attached to the CP, EPD, is investigated by the Baltimore Office. As set out at the beginning of this letter, this Section has a total of 14 members as reported 1/10/56 by [redacted] and [redacted]



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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

FROM : SA JAMES E. REILLY

SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP  
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DATE: 1/16/56

Identity of Informant: NY 1474-S\*  
Reliability: Who has furnished  
reliable information  
in the past  
Date: 11/8/55

NY 1474-S\* advised that on 11/8/55, [redacted] at NY State CP Headquarters, spoke about registration and commented that Queens stood at 50%. He added that BOB (believed to be [redacted] in the Bronx) had told him that they would have 45% and that Brooklyn had promised that by the 17th they would have 80%. He said that Manhattan said they now had about 85%. He said that he was going to recommend that they check registrations between the 17th and 31st of the month. He also commented that not one registration had come in from the third ward.

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- 1 - NY 100-26603 Sub C 41 (QUEENS COUNTY CP) (#20-13)
- 1 - NY 100-26603 Sub C 42 (NY COUNTY CP) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-26603 Sub C 43 (KINGS COUNTY CP) (#20-11)
- 1 - NY 100-63755 [redacted] (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-319 [redacted] (#20-10)

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FROM SA JAMES E. REILLY

SUBJECT: CP, USA MEMBERSHIP  
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DATE: 1/16/56

Identity of Informant:  
Reliability:

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Who is in a position to  
furnish reliable informa-  
tion concerning activities  
at NY State CP Headquarters,  
268 7th Avenue, NYC  
10/28/55

Date:

NY 1474-S\* advised that on 10/28/55, [redacted]  
[redacted] at NY State CP Headquarters, asked [redacted]  
[redacted] what was happening on registration.  
[redacted] mentioned the figure 85% and [redacted] stated that that  
was precisely what he wanted to discuss. He said the  
situation was pretty uniform throughout the district and he  
was going to try to reach all the men in the last few  
days to discuss with them the possibility of putting in  
motion the necessary activities to try to reach the point  
by the 15th of November where they could begin to grapple  
with the last 15% which were generally the difficult cases.

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1 - NY 100-63755 [redacted] (#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-92547 [redacted] (#20-11)  
1 - NY 100-79967 [redacted] (#19)  
1 - NY 100-25880 [redacted] (#20-10)  
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1 - NY 100-26603 Sub C 43 (KINGS COUNTY CP) (#20-11)  
1 - NY 100-22066 (BERNIE FRIEDLAND) (#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-52959 [redacted] (#19)

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Otherwise, according to [ ] they might not reach that point by Christmas and then would lose about 15 days because of the Christmas holidays. [ ] replied that that was what they planned to do and they hoped to reach 80% by 11/7/55. [ ] asked him when his next staff meeting would be and he replied that it was scheduled for Tuesday (presumably 11/1/55).

[ ] then stated that he had some specific proposals to be introduced which he wished [ ] to consider in order to guarantee the 85% by the 15th. He said, "Now, I don't want to make a big story out of it but you know BEN DAVIS (believed to refer to [ ] himself. He is getting a hold of that county and really undertaking the registration personally as a county organizer. We had that kind of a talk with [ ] (believed to be [ ] and [ ] in the Bronx. I hope that there will be a big change and uplift there. I think we got that kind of a cadre in Brooklyn, so I hope that maybe you can find some time before the Sunday conference opens up to get [ ] (believed to be [ ] aside and explain how we feel about it, and to utilize Sunday as the first stepping off, maybe a 15 minute meeting with the staff during the lunch break on Sunday to indicate that there isn't yet sufficient emphasis of the work of every member in regard to registration."

[ ] indicated that he was in agreement with this proposal and [ ] reiterated that he thought that that was what should be done so they could use the period between the 15th of December and the 1st of the year to clean up the rest of the 15%. He said that he considered registration of priority importance at this time.

At this point, according to the informant, the voice of BERNIE (BERNIE FRIEDLAND) was heard. [ ] then said, "You've got the same thing in Fur. You have 118 on the rolls. They got 67%. The balance have been transferred

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out over the course of the last two years. Its fur who's got to go out and register these people. We have built this list of 118 and they got to go chasing out in Queens, in Brooklyn, and so forth."

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[redacted] orally advised [redacted] on 1/19 last, that AL BLOOMBERG, Organizational Secretary of the Queens County CP, has advised him that the current CP registration will end on 2/1/56. Only those who are traveling or those who otherwise cannot be reached, will be allowed to register after 2/1/56. Those who are refusing to register now and still persist after the 2/1/56 deadline will be dropped from the party.

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- 1-New York (100-86624-Sub A) [redacted] (12-14)
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RE: CP (7-4)  
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1-J. [redacted] Supervisor 7-4

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BRONX AND QUEENS COUNTIES  
AND WATERFRONT COMMUNIST PARTY  
SECTION, NEW YORK CITY

QUARTERLY PERIOD  
OCTOBER 1, 1955, THROUGH  
DECEMBER 31, 1955

## SYNOPSIS:

NY County CP officials present at CP headquarters, 268 Seventh Ave., NYC, on occasion during period 10/1/55, - 12/31/55. Kings County CP maintained headquarters at 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, NY, during above period. Hungarian House of NY, Inc. used frequently for Bronx County CP meetings. Informants report following are NY County CP leaders:

[redacted] NY County CP [redacted] for Harlem; [redacted] NY County CP [redacted] Following reported active in leadership capacity, Kings County CP: [redacted] County Organizer: [redacted]

[redacted] all Section Organizers; [redacted] in section leadership. Informants report following are Bronx County CP leaders: DONALD LESTER, Chairman;

[redacted] Other Bronx County CP leaders set out. In Queens County CP, [redacted] reported to be [redacted]

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[redacted] Other Queens County CP leaders set out,  
[redacted] reported to be CP [redacted]  
[redacted] in NYC. Regions and sections  
comprising NY County CP set out. Kings County CP and  
Bronx County CP sections set out. Current estimated  
membership of Counties and Waterfront Section is:  
New York, 3,069 ; Kings, 2,992 ; Bronx, 2,299 ; Queens,  
1,936 ; Waterfront, 90. . Informant furnished information  
reflecting 2,299 members registered in NY County CP as of  
12/8/55. NY County CP registration reported to be  
approximately 85 per cent of 1953 registration as of  
11/8/55. Kings County CP registration reported as about  
30 per cent; Bronx County CP, 25 per cent; Queens County  
CP, 37 per cent; all as of 10/6/55.

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This is a joint report summarizing information developed during the quarter October 1, 1955, through December 31, 1955, regarding Communist Party activities within New York County, Kings County, Bronx County, Queens County and the Waterfront Communist Party Section compiled by the following agents:

SA [ ] New York County.

SA JOSEPT T. O'LEARY, Kings County.

SA ROBERT E. JONES, Bronx County.

SA JAMES R. FLYNN, Queens County.

SA [ ] Waterfront Section.

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All informants designated by a T symbol in this report have furnished reliable information in the past or are in a position to furnish reliable information unless noted to the contrary.

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I. ORGANIZATION  
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(New York file 100-80641)

A. Headquarters And Meeting Places

New York County

During the period October 1 through December 31, 1955, T-2 advised the New York State Communist Party Headquarters were located on the second floor of 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City. Informant indicated this Headquarters was used on a daily basis for conducting Communist Party business by members of the New York State Communist Party.

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T-1 advised on November 19, 1954, the New York County Communist Party of 73 West 99th Street, New York City had on October 28, 1954, stated their new address would be 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed [redacted] New York County Communist Party [redacted] entering and/or leaving 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City, on numerous occasions during the period from October 4, 1955, to December 8, 1955.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation also observed [redacted] Communist Party [redacted] for Harlem, entering and/or leaving 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City, on several occasions during the period from October 4, 1955, to December 8, 1955.

T-17 advised on October 7, 1955, that the Harlem Region, Communist Party Headquarters was then located at 79 West 125th Street, New York City.

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Kings County

T-12, who was in a position to have knowledge of activities in the building located at 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, advised on December 23, 1955, that during the period October 1 through December 31, 1955, the Kings County Communist Party maintained a Headquarters on the second floor of the building at that address. Informant stated that during this period the premises occupied by the Kings County Communist Party were used principally during the evening hours. Informant stated that it appeared that meetings were being held there judging from the large number of people entering and departing therefrom. Informant added that during this period various types of mail, including newspapers and periodicals bearing the name Kings County Communist Party, 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York, were left there.

T-6 furnished information on December 19, 1955, reflecting a meeting of Kings County Communist Party Press Directors and their Brigadiers, persons who had obtained ten or more "Daily Worker" subscriptions, would be held at 1720A Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York. on December 28, 1955.

T-20, on May 27, 1955, advised the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker" have been and continue to be under complete domination and control of the Communist Party, USA and constitute the primary medium for bringing the Communist Party "line" to the rank and file of Party membership on a day-to-day basis, particularly in the East and Midwest.

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T-6 furnished information on December 12, 1955, concerning a Kings County Communist Party Section Organizers meeting held on that date at Kings County Communist Party Headquarters, 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York. Informant stated that at this meeting [redacted] reviewed forthcoming political events and outlined the part which the assembled cadre should play therein. [redacted] discussed the role of the "Daily Worker".

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T-6 furnished information during December, 1955 concerning a Kings County Communist Party Press Directors meeting held on December 19, 1955, at Kings County Communist Party Headquarters, 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York. Informant learned at this meeting that SIMON W. GERSON urged sustained efforts by the cadre present to get the "Daily Worker" into stronger circulation.

The "Daily Worker" of September 7, 1955, page three, column one, identified SIMON W. GERSON as the Legislative Chairman of the New York State Communist Party.

T-6 furnished information on December 27, 1955, concerning the Kings County Communist Party Section Organizers meeting held on that date at Kings County Communist Party Headquarters, 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York. Informant determined that at this meeting [redacted] spoke on the topic of "Yugo-Slavia."

T-7 advised on December 8, 1955, that [redacted] does educational work for the New York District of the Communist Party.

T-6 furnished information on December 29, 1955, concerning the Kings County Communist Party Educational Directors meeting held that date at Kings County Communist Party Headquarters, 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York.



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Informant advised that at this meeting DAVID GOLDWAY spoke on the following three main points of concentration by the Communist Party in 1956:

- (1) The Democratic Party;
- (2) The Labor Coalition;
- (3) The Negro Liberation Movement.

T-11 furnished information on December 9, 1954, which indicated that DAVID GOLDWAY was then Executive Secretary and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson School of Social Science.

The Jefferson School of Social Science has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

#### Bronx County

No information has been received to indicate the existence of a Bronx County Communist Party Headquarters since their office at 9 West Burnside Avenue, Bronx, New York, was vacated in May, 1953.

The following information received from T-3 and T-4 indicates that the Hungarian House of New York, Incorporated, known as the Hungarian Restaurant, 2141 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York, is frequently used by various Communist Party groups for meetings.

T-3 advised on October 9, 1955, that a meeting of the functionaries of the Northwest Section, Bronx County Communist Party, was held on October 4, 1955, at the Hungarian Restaurant.

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T-4 advised during the period October through December, 1955 that the following meetings of the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section, Bronx County Communist Party were held in the Hungarian Restaurant on the dates indicated:

Monthly Educational Meeting  
October 12, 1955.

Club Organizers Meeting  
November 2, 1955.

General Membership Meeting  
November 22, 1955.

Club Organizers Meeting  
November 17, 1955.

Club Organizers Meeting  
December 19, 1955.

Monthly Educational Meeting  
December 20, 1955.

T-4 advised on November 7, 1955, that at the Club Organizers Meeting of the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Communist Party Section held on November 2, 1955, the suggestion was made that in the future similar meetings not be held at the Hungarian Restaurant. It was felt that since so few attend the meetings they could be held in members' homes, thereby saving the \$5.00 fee charged for room rental.

T-4 advised on October 17, 1955, that a "Bronx Night" class of the Jefferson School of Social Science was scheduled to be held on October 13, 1955, at 862 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York.

T-4 advised during October through December, 1955, that meetings of Club 6 of the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section, Bronx County Communist Party were held on the dates indicated at the following residences:

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[redacted]  
Bronx, New York  
October 25, 1955, and November 1, 1955.

[redacted]  
Bronx, New York  
October 11, 1955.

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[redacted]  
Bronx, New York  
November 29, 1955.

[redacted]  
Bronx, New York  
December 12, 1955.

T-3 advised on October 20, 1955, that a meeting of a Kingsbridge Communist Party Section Club was held in the apartment of [redacted] [redacted] Bronx, New York, Apartment 1D, on October 13, 1955.

T-3 advised on November 9, 1955, that on November 1, 1955, a meeting of a club of the Northwest Section, Bronx County Communist Party was held in the apartment of [redacted] Bronx, New York.

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Queens County

No information has been received indicating that the Queens County Communist Party has an established headquarters.

T-13 advised that during the period October through December, 1955 financial stations and Communist Party meetings of the Queens County Communist Party were held at the following residences:

[REDACTED]

Bayside, Queens, New York.

[REDACTED]

Flushing, Queens, New York.

[REDACTED]

Ridgewood, Queens, New York.

T-16 advised during the period October through November, 1955 that Communist Party meetings were held at the following residences:

[REDACTED]

Ozone Park, Queens, New York.

[REDACTED]

Ozone Park, Queens, New York.

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T-14 advised during October, 1955 that a meeting of the Queens County Communist Party was held at the residence of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Corona, Queens, New York.

Waterfront Section

On October 6, 1955, T-18 advised that the Waterfront Section Communist Party is not active and did not have an established headquarters.

B. Communist Party Leadership

New York County

The following individuals have been reported as holding leadership positions in the New York County Communist Party on a County or Regional level:

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[REDACTED]  
Residence: [REDACTED]

Brooklyn, New York.

Party Position: T-7 advised on December 8, 1955, that [REDACTED] was then the New York County Communist Party [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Residence: [REDACTED]

New York City

Party Position: T-7 advised on December 8, 1955, that [REDACTED] was the Communist Party [REDACTED] for Harlem.

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[REDACTED]  
Residence:

[REDACTED]  
New York City

Party Position:

T-2 advised during October, 1955 that [REDACTED] was a member of the New York County Communist Party staff in an unspecified capacity as of October 6, 1955. According to the informant, [REDACTED] was then functioning in the Communist Party registration.

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed [REDACTED] entering the Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Avenue, New York City, at 10:15 a.m. on November 2, 1955.

T-2 advised during late October, 1955 that a meeting of the New York Communist Party organization secretaries would be held at the Jefferson School of Social Science at 10:00 a.m. on November 2, 1955.

Kings County

The following have been reported to be active in a leadership capacity in the Kings County Communist Party:

[REDACTED]  
Residence:

[REDACTED]  
Brooklyn, New York.

Party Position:

T-2 furnished information on October 6, 1955, indicating [REDACTED] attended a County Organizers meeting held on that date at New York State Communist Party Headquarters, 268 Seventh Avenue, New York City, at which the principal topic of discussion was registration.



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[redacted]  
Residence:

Party Position:

[redacted]  
Brooklyn, New York  
T-6 furnished information on December 12, 1955, which indicated that [redacted] was the County [redacted] in Brooklyn, New York at that time.

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[redacted] T-7 advised on December 8, 1955, that [redacted]  
[redacted] was then the Brooklyn Communist Party [redacted]

[redacted]  
Residence:

Party Position:

[redacted]  
Brooklyn, New York  
T-2 furnished information on October 13, 1955, which indicated that [redacted] was the Kings County Communist Party [redacted] in the Brownsville area of Brooklyn, New York at that time.

[redacted]  
Residence:

Party Position:

[redacted]  
Brooklyn, New York  
T-8 furnished information on November 3, 1955, indicating [redacted] was then the Kings County Communist Party Section [redacted] in the Borough Park Section, Brooklyn, New York.

[redacted]  
Residence:

Party Position:

[redacted]  
Brooklyn, New York  
T-2 furnished information on October 6, 1955, indicating [redacted] was a Kings County Communist Party Section [redacted] in an unspecified section at that time.

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[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: Brooklyn, New York  
T-9 furnished information on September 9, 1955, which indicated [redacted] was then active in a position of Section [redacted] in an industrial section of the Kings County Communist Party.

[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: Brooklyn, New York  
T-10 furnished information on October 14, 1955, which indicated that [redacted] was a Kings County Communist Party Section [redacted] in the Bedford-Stuyvesant area of Brooklyn, New York at that time.

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Bronx County

The following have been identified as being active in a leadership capacity in the Bronx County Communist Party:

[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: Bronx, New York  
T-4 advised on January 4, 1956, that [redacted] was, at that time, [redacted] of the Bronx County Communist Party.

[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: Bronx, New York  
T-5 advised on October 12, 1955, that [redacted] had been assigned to the Bronx County Communist Party as [redacted]

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[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: Bronx, New York  
T-3 advised on October 9, 1955, that [redacted] attended a meeting of the Northwest Communist Party section functionaries held October 4, 1955.

T-2 advised on December 12, 1955, that the wife of [redacted] was the new Bronx County Communist Party Educational Director.

[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: Bronx, New York  
T-3 advised on November 9, 1955, that one [redacted] (LNU) had been appointed Section [redacted] in the Northwest Section, Bronx County Communist Party. The informant also stated that [redacted] was a member of the Bronx County Communist Party Committee.

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On December 9, 1955, T-3 examined a photograph of [redacted] and advised that he is identical to the [redacted] mentioned above.

[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]

Party Position: Bronx, New York  
T-4 advised on January 4, 1956, that [redacted] is on the staff of the Bronx County Communist Party; however, informant was unable to give [redacted] exact position.

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[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]  
Bronx, New York  
Party Position: T-4 advised on January 4, 1956, that [redacted] is the Section [redacted] of the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section, Bronx County Communist Party.

[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]  
Bronx, New York  
Party Position: T-3 advised on September 30, 1955, that [redacted] was then Section [redacted] of one of the Communist Party sections in the lower East Bronx.

[redacted]  
Residence [redacted]  
Bronx, New York  
Party Position: T-3 advised on October 20, 1955, that at that time one [redacted] (LNU) was assistant to [redacted] who was Kingsbridge Communist Party Section [redacted]

T-3 advised on November 9, 1955, that [redacted] had been made Secretary of the newly formed Northwest Section of the Bronx County Communist Party.

On December 9, 1955, T-3 examined a photograph of [redacted] and advised that he is the above-mentioned [redacted]

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[REDACTED]  
Residence:

[REDACTED]  
Bronx, New York

Party Position:

T-3 advised on September 30, 1955, that [REDACTED] was at that time a member of the Section Committee of the Kingsbridge Section, Bronx County Communist Party.

T-3 advised on October 9, 1955, that [REDACTED] attended a meeting of the functionaries of the Northwest Communist Party Section held October 4, 1955.

[REDACTED]  
Residence:

[REDACTED]  
Bronx, New York

Party Position:

T-3 advised on October 9, 1955, that [REDACTED] was present at a meeting of Northwest Communist Party Section functionaries held October 4, 1955. The informant was unable to state what position [REDACTED] held in the Communist Party.

[REDACTED]  
Residence:

[REDACTED]  
Bronx, New York

Party Position:

T-4 advised on January 4, 1956, that [REDACTED] is on the Section Staff of the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section, Bronx County Communist Party.

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[redacted]  
Residence:

[redacted]

Party Position:

Bronx, New York  
T-4 advised on January 4, 1956, that  
[redacted] is on the [redacted]  
of the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard  
Communist Party Section.

[redacted]

Residence:

[redacted]

Party Position:

Bronx, New York  
T-4 advised on January 4, 1956, that  
[redacted] is [redacted]  
of the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard  
Communist Party Section.

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Residence:

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Party Position:

Bronx, New York  
T-4 advised on November 7, 1955, that  
[redacted] attended a Club  
Organizers meeting of the Hunts Point -  
Tremont - Boulevard Section, Bronx  
County Communist Party held November 2,  
1955.

T-4 advised on January 4, 1956, that the  
following women are at present club organizers in the  
Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section, Bronx County  
Communist Party:



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[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]  
Bronx, New York

[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]  
Bronx, New York,

Queens County

T-13 reported during the period October 1 through December 31, 1955, the following individuals were known to be officers of the Queens County Communist Party:

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Residence: [redacted]  
Queens, New York  
Party Position: [redacted]  
Queens County Communist Party

[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]  
Sunnyside, Queens, New York  
Party Position: [redacted]  
Queens County Communist Party

[redacted]  
Residence: [redacted]  
Jamaica, Queens, New York  
Party Position: [redacted]  
Queens County Communist Party

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[REDACTED]  
Residence:

[REDACTED]  
Queens, New York

Party Position:

[REDACTED]  
Queens County Communist Party

[REDACTED]  
Residence:

[REDACTED]  
Flushing, Queens, New York

Party Position:

[REDACTED] Area Three,  
Queens County Communist Party

[REDACTED]  
Residence:

[REDACTED]  
Bayside, Queens, New York

Party Position:

Member of the Staff, Area Three  
Queens County Communist Party.  
Assigned to work with the Membership  
Director during registration.

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[REDACTED]  
Residence:

[REDACTED]  
Forest Hills, Queens, New York

Party Position:

[REDACTED]  
Area Three, Queens County Communist Party.

[REDACTED]  
Residence:

[REDACTED]  
Jamaica, Queens, New York

Party Position:

[REDACTED] Area Three,  
Queens County Communist Party

[REDACTED]  
Residence:

[REDACTED]  
Queens, New York

Party Position:

[REDACTED]  
Area Two, Queens County Communist Party,

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[Redacted]

Residence:

[Redacted]  
Maspeth, Queens, New York

Party Position:

[Redacted] Maspeth Section, Queens  
County Communist Party

[Redacted]

Residence:

[Redacted]  
Ridgewood, Queens, New York

Party Position:

[Redacted]  
Maspeth Section  
Queens County Communist Party

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Residence:

[Redacted]  
Queens, New York

Party Position:

[Redacted] Maspeth Section,  
Queens County Communist Party

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[Redacted]

Residence:

[Redacted]  
Ridgewood, Queens, New York

Party Position:

[Redacted] Maspeth Section,  
Queens County Communist Party

[Redacted]

Residence:

[Redacted]  
Rockaway, Queens, New York

Party Position:

[Redacted] Rockaway Section, Queens  
County Communist Party

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[redacted]  
Residence:

[redacted]  
Arverne, Queens, New York

Party Position:

[redacted]  
Rockaway Section, Queens County  
Communist Party

[redacted]  
Residence:

12-18 Beach 12th Street  
Far Rockaway, Queens, New York

Party Position:

[redacted] Rockaway Section,  
Queens County Communist Party

[redacted]  
Residence:

[redacted]  
Bayside, Queens, New York

Party Position:

[redacted] Bell Section  
Queens County Communist Party

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[redacted]  
Residence:

[redacted]  
Jamaica, Queens, New York

Party Position:

[redacted]  
Jamaica Section, Queens County Communist  
Party

T-2 advised on December 12, 1955, that

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
was then [redacted]

[redacted] Queens, New York,  
of the Queens County  
Communist Party.

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T-14 advised during the period October 1, 1955, through December 31, 1955, the following were known to be officers of the Queens County Communist Party:

[REDACTED]  
Residence:

[REDACTED]  
Corona, Queens, New York

Party Position:

[REDACTED] Miller Club, Queens  
County Communist Party

[REDACTED]  
Residence:

[REDACTED]  
Flushing, Queens, New York

Party Position:

[REDACTED] NAACP - Communist Party Club  
Queens County Communist Party.

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#### Waterfront Section

[REDACTED] On October 17, 1955, T-19 advised [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] New York City, was the  
Communist Party Waterfront Section [REDACTED] in New York  
City.

#### C. Organizational Units

##### New York County

T-13, on September 26, 1955, furnished a copy of a tabulation sheet which was to be utilized in a New York City County for the accumulation of data obtained in the course of the 1955 registration of Communist Party members. The form was to be used to reflect the membership in a section or region. Among the data sought were the following items: age, sex, length of time in organization, occupation, national origin and section.

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T-15, on December 16, 1955, furnished schedules which analysed New York County Communist Party membership according to data obtained from the above-mentioned form, which data was obtained in the course of the 1955 Communist Party registration in New York County. These schedules reflect as of December 8, 1955, an analysis of New York County Communist Party membership according to regions and sections which are shown as follows:

Distributive  
Garment  
Longshore  
Maritime  
Cultural  
Professional  
SP (organization functionaries and executives)  
#8  
East Side  
Yorkville  
Lower West Side  
Upper West Side  
Washington Heights  
Harlem  
Lower Harlem  
Youth  
Members at large

#### Kings County

T-2 furnished information on October 13, 1955, which indicated the Kings County Communist Party was then comprised of five community regions and one professional region, and that there were 24 sections, exclusive of the industrial section.

T-2 furnished information on November 8, 1955, indicating that the number of sections in Kings County Communist Party had been reduced to 22, and that the number of sections would remain constant for sometime to come.

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T-2 furnished information on October 13, 1955, indicating the Brownsville Region of the Kings County Communist Party was comprised of four sections, only two of which had section organizers.

T-6 furnished information on December 12, 1955, concerning a Kings County Communist Party Section Organizers meeting held on that date at Kings County Communist Party headquarters, 1212 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, New York. Informant ascertained that during the course of a discussion concerning the "Daily Worker" the sections of the Kings County Communist Party were enumerated as follows:

Bedford A  
Bedford B  
Williamsburg  
Brownsville  
East New York  
Linden  
Rugby  
Boro Hall  
Ovington  
Bensonhurst  
Bath Beach  
Lincoln  
21AD  
Waterfront  
Kings Highway  
Coney Island  
Sheepshead  
Manhattan Beach  
Park Slope  
Brighton  
Industrial

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Bronx County

[redacted] T-2 advised on October 6, 1955, that [redacted] indicated that the Bronx County Communist Party contained the following sections as of that date:

Northeast  
Northwest  
East Bronx  
Midwest  
Southwest  
Prospect  
Puerto Rican  
Negro concentration  
Industry

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According to T-2, [redacted] did not state whether the above-mentioned sections were the only ones active in the Bronx County Communist Party organization. The informant advised that [redacted] indicated that the East Bronx section was the "original big section", and that the Northeast was just beginning to operate as one big section.

T-3 advised on October 9, 1955, that a meeting of the functionaries of the Northwest section, Bronx County Communist Party, was held on October 4, 1955. The informant stated [redacted] gave a report on the organization of the section. T-3 stated that [redacted] indicated that four former Communist Party sections, Kingsbridge, Mosholu, Robert Minor and Van Cortlandt, were combined to form the Northwest Section. [redacted] further stated that the section will be made up of 11 or 12 clubs, and that the youth clubs in the old sections will be done away with. [redacted] also advised that most of the members of the four former section committees would become club functionaries.



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T-4 advised on November 7, 1955, that as of November 2, 1955, the Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section was active in the Bronx County Communist Party.

T-4 further advised on November 7, 1955, that at a Communist Party meeting held November 2, 1955, [ ] stated that there are 13 clubs in the Hunts Point-Tremont - Boulevard Section of the Bronx County Communist Party. T-4 further advised that [ ] stated that the operations of this combined section had been so successful that there is a possibility that similar combined sections will be formed in the rest of the city.

T-3 advised on November 15, 1955, that on November 11, 1955, a mass meeting was staged by the Bronx Committee For Freedom of Political Prisoners. The informant advised that this committee was formed in 1952 by Communist Party members from the Bronx. Informant described the committee as the type of Communist group that is formed in a local vicinity for the sole purpose of agitating for amnesty for convicted Communist Party leaders. The committee has no membership or formal organization setup and becomes active only when an amnesty drive is in progress.

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Queens County

T-8 advised that [ ] [ ] New York State Communist Party, addressing a meeting at National Communist Party Headquarters on September 16, 1955, stated that in Queens County they had merged quite a few regions and now had only two regions. He added that in these two regions the regional organizer is on the County Board. [ ] commented that the Communist Party now had larger sections and larger clubs.

T-13 advised on January 6, 1956, that he has heard various Queens County Communist Party officials refer to the Queens County organizational breakdown as either areas or regions, but that he could furnish no further information concerning this.

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T-2 advised that at a meeting of the New York State Communist Party Staff held on October 13, 1955, [redacted] stated that Queens County then had two regions for the whole county, and that he believed this was a "ridiculous" situation.

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T-14 advised that to the best of his knowledge there are two Communist Party clubs in Corona, one is the NAACP-CP Club, and the other is the Dorie-Miller Communist Party Club.

Waterfront Section

On November 8, 1955, T-19 advised that he learned from a source considered by him to be reliable, that the Communist Party in New York City was forming a committee against screening to approach the United States Coast Guard in an attempt to obtain validated documents for all seamen who have previously been screened.

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II. MEMBERSHIP  
(Bufile 100-3-68)  
(New York file 100-80638)

The current estimated membership of the four Counties and Waterfront Section of the Communist Party is as follows:

New York County (Manhattan)	3,069
Kings County (Brooklyn)	2,992
Bronx County	2,299
Queens County	1,936
Waterfront Section	90

New York County

The schedules furnished by T-15 on December 16, 1955, previously mentioned, reflect the total registration in the New York County Communist Party as of December 8, 1955, was 2,299.

This total registration was analyzed in these schedules according to Regions and Sections, age, sex, length of time in organization, national origin, and occupation, as follows:

<u>Regions and Sections</u>	<u>Total Registered As Of December 8, 1955</u>
Distributive	296
Garment	273
Longshore	48
Maritime	42
Cultural	248
Professional	51
SP (Organization functionaries and executives)	6
#8	24
East Side	256
Yorkville	176
Lower West Side	264
Upper West Side	192
Washington Heights	186
Harlem	164
Lower Harlem	55
Youth	17
Members-at-large	1

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<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Total Number Registered As Of December 8, 1955</u>
18 - 20	15
21 - 24	57
25 - 29	196
21 plus	46
30 - 39	682
40 - 49	640
50 - 59	403
60 - 69	211
70 - 75	37
Over 75	8
Not given	4

<u>Sex</u>	<u>Total Number Registered As Of December 8, 1955.</u>
Male	1,070
Female	1,229

<u>Length Of Time In Organization</u>	<u>Total Number Registered As Of December 8, 1955</u>
Just in	12
1 month to 11 months	31
1 to 2 years	24
2 years	29
3 to 5 years	137
6 to 10 years	509
11 to 15 years	410
16 to 20 years	598
21 to 25 years	192
26 to 30 years	53
31 to 35 years	32
36 years (Charter member)	44
Not given	228

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<u>National Origin (Shown only if more than 20 of the nationality are registered)</u>	<u>Total Number Registered As Of December 8, 1955</u>
Undefined Americans	220
Negro	155
Puerto Rican	62
Spanish speaking	34
Jewish	1,513
German	29
Greek	35
Italian	49
Irish	32
Russian	24
Yugoslav	21

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Total Number Registered As Of December 8, 1955.</u>
Manual work	611
Office work - sales people	510
Professional	333
Cultural	271
Organization Functionaries and Executives	25
Housewives	351
Students	22
Storekeepers and Business Owners	38
Self employed	20
Unemployed	39
Retired	20
Not given	59

T-2, on October 6, 1955, furnished information indicating the registration in the New York County Communist Party was then 17 per cent of the 1953 registration. On November 8, 1955, T-2 furnished information that the registration in New York County Communist Party was then approximately 85 per cent.

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Kings County

T-2 furnished information on October 6, 1955, indicating that the Kings County Communist Party had completed 30 per cent, of the 1953 registration, in the reregistration of Communist Party members then going on.

Bronx County

T-2 advised on October 6, 1955, that [ ] [ ] stated that as of that date the community sections of the Bronx County Communist Party had re-registered approximately 25 per cent of its total 1953 registration. [ ] also stated that the East Bronx Section had registered approximately 40 per cent of its members and had 60 or 70 per cent of its members attending meetings. The informant advised that the Puerto Rican section had completed 50 per cent of its registration, according to [ ]

T-3 advised on October 20, 1955, that at a meeting of a club of the Kingsbridge Section on October 13, 1955, a discussion was held on the registration drive. It was decided that a list of all former Kingsbridge Section members should be obtained and that all the persons listed should be visited by Party members in an effort to win them back.

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T-4 advised on November 7, 1955, that at a Hunts Point - Tremont - Boulevard Section Club Organizers meeting held November 2, 1955, [ ] announced that the section was one of the leaders in the County and possibly in the State in the matter of membership registration. The informant further advised that [ ] said that as of that time the section had completed approximately 70 per cent of its registration.

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Queens County

T-2 advised that at a meeting at New York State Communist Party Headquarters, held on October 6, 1955, [ ] stated Queens County had gotten off to a good start, having completed 37 per cent of their registration.

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At this same meeting, the informant advised that [ ] observed that a good "chunk" of the Party had not yet started registration. [ ] said that "building trades" had a little under 30 per cent. He pointed out that one of the notable features in regard to registration thus far was that the best situation existed where there was the greatest amount of mass work. [ ] also said they had registered about 20 Negro comrades.

T-13 advised on November 17, 1955, that [ ] former Membership [ ] of the Queens County Communist Party, announced that Queens had reached 61 per cent of Communist Party members registered, and the registration, which had been extended, should be concluded by December 15, 1955.

T-13 advised on November 17, 1955, that of the 415 Communist Party members in Area Three as of November 13, 1955, only 244 had reregistered. Out of 76 Communist Party members in the Rockaway Section, only 24 had reregistered, and the informant advised that reports indicated a lot were refusing to reregister.

T-13 stated that the Bell Section has 115 members, 28 of whom are professional men, doctors, dentists, and lawyers. Informant advised that eight dentists reregistered, but that the doctors and lawyers were stalling. Concerning the East Queens, Jamaica, and Maspeth Sections, T-13 advised that only a few "drops" have been reported in each section.

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III. FUNDS  
(Bufile 100-3-63)  
(New York file 100-74560)

Bronx County

T-4 advised on November 7, 1955, that at a Communist Party meeting held November 2, 1955, [redacted] reported on a discussion by New York State Communist Party leaders. [redacted] stated the State leaders are contemplating doing away with annual fund drives, and instituting a year round sustaining fund. Under this plan the members would make monthly contributions to the fund. It was felt that this system would not require as much manpower to operate, and that it would be less financial strain on the members. According to T-4, [redacted] said it was also proposed that membership registration and the "Daily Worker" subscription renewals would be handled at the time the members were contacted for their monthly contributions.

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T-4 advised on December 28, 1955, that the Hunts Point - Tremont-Boulevard Communist Party Section Fund drive was supposed to begin a club organizers meeting on December 19, 1955; however, due to the poor attendance at the meeting the drive was postponed to December 27, 1955.

Queens County

T-14 advised on October 12, 1955, that to the best of his knowledge Communist Party membership dues per month were as follows:



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Housewives	\$ .50
Persons earning up to \$60.00 per week	1.25
Persons earning over \$60.00 per week.	3.00
Professional men and women	10.00

T-2 advised that at a meeting held at New York  
State Communist Party Headquarters on October 21, 1955,  
[redacted] advised that the Counties had undertaken  
responsibility in raising bail funds and that Queens County  
had raised \$3,000.00.

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[REDACTED]	Address of NY County CP	11/19/54 10/28/54		
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NY 1474-S*	Location of NY State CP head- quarters, 10/1-12/31/55	10/1- 12/31/55		
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[REDACTED] member 10/6/55  
NY County CP staff,  
10/6/55

NY CP Organization October,  
Secretaries Meet- 1955  
ing, 11/2/55

NY County regis- 10/6/55  
tration percentage

NY County regis- 11/8/55  
tration percen-  
tage

[REDACTED] 10/6/55  
attended NY County  
CP organizer meet-  
ing, NY State CP  
headquarters,  
10/6/55; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Kings County CP

[REDACTED]  
and Kings County,  
CP completed 30%  
of re-registration

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[redacted] 10/13/55  
 Kings County, CP  
 Regional [redacted]  
 Brownsville area;  
 Kings County, CP,  
 comprised of five  
 Community Regions,  
 one Professional  
 Region; 24 Sections,  
 exclusive of Indus-  
 trial Section;  
 Brownsville Region  
 comprised of four  
 sections.

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Number of sections 11/8/55  
 in Kings County,  
 CP reduced to 22,  
 that number would  
 remain constant for  
 some time

[redacted] 12/12/55  
 position in CP.

Nine Bronx County 10/6/55  
 CP sections named

Information regard- "  
 ing re-registration  
 in Bronx County.

[redacted] 12/12/55

Statement by [redacted] 10/21/55  
 [redacted] 10/21/55

Statement by [redacted] 10/13/55  
 [redacted] 10/13/55

Statement by [redacted] 10/6/55  
 [redacted] and speech  
 by [redacted]  
 10/6/55

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[redacted]	CP meeting at Hungarian restaurant -- 10/4/55	10/9/55		
[redacted]	CP meeting at	10/20/55		
[redacted]	CP meeting at	11/9/55		
[redacted]	attended a CP functionaries meeting	10/9/55		
[redacted]	(LNU) section organizer	11/9/55		
[redacted]	(LNU) iden- tified as [redacted]	12/9/55		
[redacted]	is section org.	9/30/55		
[redacted]	(LNU) Assistant to [redacted]	10/20/55		
[redacted]	(LNU) is of CP section	11/9/55		
[redacted]	(LNU) iden- tified as [redacted]	12/9/55		

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[redacted]  
was section  
committee member

9/30/55

[redacted]  
attended section  
functionaries  
meeting

10/9/55

[redacted]  
attended section  
functionaries  
meeting

10/9/55

Organization of  
Northwest CP  
section

10/9/55

CP controls the  
Bronx Committee  
for Freedom of  
Political Pri-  
soners.

11/15/55

Plans of Kings-  
bridge Section in  
registration drive.

10/20/55

T-4

[redacted]  
Hunts Point-Tre-  
mont-Boulevard  
section active in  
Bronx CP. 11/2/55

11/7/55

ANDREW  
STERTZER

CP meetings were  
held at Hungarian  
Restaurant

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10/12/55

10/17/55



11/2/55

11/7/55

ANDREW  
STERTZER  
(written)

11/22/55

12/7/55



11/17/55

11/21/55

ANDREW  
STERTZER  
(written)

12/19/55

12/28/55



12/20/55

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Was suggested  
that meetings be  
held in homes and  
not at the Hun-  
garian Restaurant

11/7/55

ANDREW  
STERTZER  
(written)

Jeff School class 10/17/55  
to be held at  
862 E. Tremont  
Ave.

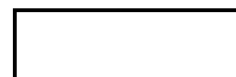


CP club meetings  
held at following  
residences:



10/25/55

11/1/55



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11/1/55

11/7/55

ANDREW  
STERTZER  
(written)

10/11/55

10/17/55

11/29/55

12/7/55

"

12/12/55

12/15/55

ANDREW  
STERTZER

CP positions of:

1/4/56

Instant  
Report

11/7/55

ANDREW  
STERTZER  
(written)attended a CP  
club organizers  
meeting13 clubs in  
CP  
section

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Information on  
Hunts Point Sec-  
tion registration

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T-4 (Cont'd)	Plans were discussed to do away with annual CP fund drive	11/7/55	ANDREW STERTZER (written)	[REDACTED]
	Section Fund Drive was to start 12/19/55	12/28/55	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
T-5 NY 1622-S*	BOB APPEL, Bronx County Organizational Secretary	10/12/55		
T-6 NY 1657-S*	Kings County CP organizers meeting; [REDACTED]	12/12/55		
	Press Director's meetings, 12/19/55; 12/28/55	12/19/55		
	12/27/55	12/27/55		
	12/29/55	12/29/55		
T-7 CG 5824-S	[REDACTED] NY County CP organizer, 12/8/55	12/8/55	JOHN E. KEATING, (orally)	100-26603-8404
	[REDACTED] CP organizer, 12/8/55	12/8/55	JOHN E. KEATING, (orally)	100-26603-8404

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Documentation of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Brooklyn CP

12/8/55

JOHN E.  
KEATING100-26603-  
8404[REDACTED]  
12/8/55

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NY 1475-S\*

[REDACTED]  
Kings County,  
CP [REDACTED]

11/3/55

[REDACTED] Boro  
Park Section.Statement by [REDACTED] 9/16/55  
[REDACTED] 9/16/55b6  
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NY 1605-S\*

[REDACTED]  
in a position of  
Section leader-  
ship in an Indus-  
trial Section,  
Kings County, CP.

9/9/55

T-10

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Bedford-  
Stuyvesant area,  
Brooklyn, 10/14/55

10/14/55

HERBERT  
K. STALLINGS [REDACTED]ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE (CONT'd)

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Documentation of

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Kings County, CP  
headquarters lo-  
cated at 1212  
Kings Highway  
Brooklyn, NY

12/23/55

JOSEPH J. Instant  
MAC FARLANE Report  
& JOSEPH T.  
O'LEARY  
(orally)

Brooklyn, NY  
(By request)

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Tabulation Sheet 9/26/55  
for Membership  
Data

CP meetings &  
financial stations  
held at the follow-  
ing places:

Home of

10/3/55

RICHARD H.  
BLASSER

Home of

12/1/55

"

100-26603-  
C41-2384

Home of

11/17/55

"

Info re the fol-  
lowing individuals  
being in a leader-  
ship capacity in  
the Queens Co. CP:

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11/17/55	RICHARD H. BLASSER	
11/17/55	"	"
12/6/55	"	100-26603- C41-2393
11/17/55	"	
11/17/55	"	
11/17/55	"	
11/17/55	"	
10/21/55	"	100-26603- C41 2355
11/17/55	"	
11/17/55	"	
11/17/55	"	
11/17/55	"	
11/17/55	"	
12/13/55	"	100-26603- C41-2401
12/6/55	"	100-26603- C41-2393
12/6/55	"	100-26603- C41-2393

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[REDACTED]		11/17/55	RICHARD H.	[REDACTED]
		10/3/55	"	

Queens Co. Organ- 1/6/56 " 100-26603-  
izational Break-  
down referred to  
as either areas  
or regions C41-2409

[REDACTED]		11/17/55	"	[REDACTED]
announcement concerning extension of registration				

Info re registra- 11/17/55 "  
tion in Area 3  
and Rockaway,  
Bell, E. Queens,  
Jamaica and  
Maspeth sections.

T-14

[REDACTED]	CP meeting held	10/28/55	[REDACTED]
	at home of [REDACTED]		

THOMAS J.  
DOWLING

Info re following  
individuals being  
in a leadership  
capacity in Queens  
Co. CP:

[REDACTED]	11/14, 17/55	[REDACTED]
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T-14 (Cont'd)

[Redacted]

11/14,  
17/55

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

2 CP clubs in  
Corona

"

"

Membership dues  
per month in  
Queens Co.

10/12/55

"

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[Redacted]

Six schedules  
recapitulating  
membership data  
obtained during  
1955 CP registra-  
tion.

12/16/55

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[Redacted]

Info concerning  
CP meetings held  
in homes of the  
following indi-  
viduals:

[Redacted]

11/14/55

RICHARD H.  
BLASSER

[Redacted]

10/24/55

"

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Location, Harlem  
Region head-  
quarters,  
10/7/55

10/7/55

[Redacted]  
(orally)

[Redacted]

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T-18 [redacted]	Headquarters and meetings places.	10/6/55	[redacted] (orally)	100-34632- 3027
T-19 [redacted]	[redacted] CP Waterfront Sec- tion [redacted]	10/17/55	LOUIS S. LEAR	[redacted]
	Committee against Coast Guard screening	11/8/55	LOUIS S. LEAR	[redacted]
T-20 [redacted]	Documentation of "Daily Worker", "The Worker".			

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances when the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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I. Membership  
(Bufile 100-3-68)  
(New York file 100-80638)

The current membership of District #2, CP, USA has been estimated at 11,000 and the estimated membership of District #2 within the New York Division is 10,626.

The following is the estimated membership for the four counties and Waterfront Section in New York City:

New York County	3,069
Kings County	2,992
Bronx County	2,299
Queens County	1,936
Waterfront Section	90

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These estimated membership figures are obtained through reference to material made available on 7/22,23/54 by NY 1166-S\*. This material reflected a total membership in District #2 of 11,837 of which 27.9% was from New York County, 20.9% from Bronx County, 27.2% from Kings County and 17.6% from Queens County.

The present estimate for each county was obtained by multiplying the present estimated membership of District #2 of 11,000 by the above percentages.

The present estimate for the Waterfront Section was obtained from material furnished by [redacted] on 12/16/55 which material indicated a total registration as of 12/8/55 of 48 in Longshore and 42 in Maritime, a total of 90.

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Special Agents who observed [redacted]  
entering and/or leaving 268 7th Ave., NYC, are as follows:

10/4/55

[redacted]  
ROBERT H. BERTKE

10/19/55

[redacted] ROBERT H. BERTKE

10/20/55

[redacted] ROBERT H. BERTKE

10/21/55

ROBERT H. BERTKE, [redacted]

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10/25/55	ROBERT H. BERTKE,	[REDACTED]
10/27/55	ROBERT H. BERTKE,	[REDACTED]
10/28/55	ROBERT H. BERTKE,	[REDACTED]
10/31/55	[REDACTED]	HOWARD G. KINNALLY
11/3/55	[REDACTED]	HOWARD G. KINNALLY
11/4/55	ROBERT H. BERTKE,	HOWARD G. KINNALLY
11/7/55	ROBERT H. BERTKE,	[REDACTED]
11/17/55	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
11/18/55	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
11/21/55	[REDACTED]	ROBERT H. BERTKE
11/22/55	[REDACTED]	ROBERT H. BERTKE
11/25/55	[REDACTED]	ROBERT H. BERTKE
11/29/55	[REDACTED]	ROBERT H. BERTKE
12/8/55	[REDACTED]	ROBERT H. BERTKE

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Special Agents who observed [REDACTED] entering and/or leaving 268 7th Ave., NYC, are as follows:

10/4/55	ROBERT H. BERTKE,	[REDACTED]
10/7/55	[REDACTED]	
10/20/55	[REDACTED]	ROBERT H. BERTKE
11/7/55	DENNIS J. BARRY, JR.,	[REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]	JAMES F. MITCHELL
11/17/55	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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11/30/55

12/1/55

12/8/55

[REDACTED] ROBERT H. BERTKE

[REDACTED] ROBERT H. BERTKE

SA [REDACTED] observed [REDACTED]  
entering the JSSS on 11/2/55.b6  
b7CLEADNEW YORKAt New York, New York

Will follow and report pertinent activity in the NY, Kings, Bronx, Queens Counties, and the Waterfront Section of District Number 2, CP, USA for the quarter period January 1 through March 31, 1956.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] 10/19/55, New York.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* \* \* \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953)  
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
ORGANIZATION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 1-18-56

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CLASSIFICATION BY 6076 on 9-27-78  
EXEMPT FROM GDS, CATEGORY 2  
DATE OF DECLASSIFICATION INDEFINITE

Care should be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN E. KEATING on January 16, 1956, that he recently received the following information in conversations with PHIL BART and [redacted] in New York City: ~~(U)~~

- (U) ~~(U)~~
- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 100-3-68)(CP - USA, Membership)
  - 2 - Cleveland (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 100-17257)(CP - USA, Organization)  
(1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Membership)
  - 2 - Detroit (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Organization)  
(1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Membership)
  - 5 - New York (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 100-80641)(CP - USA, Organization)  
(1 - 100-80638)(CP - USA, Membership)  
(1 - 100-81338)(CP - USA, Security Measures)  
(1 - 100-56579)(PHIL BART)  
(1 - 100-82430)([redacted])
  - 2 - Philadelphia (REGISTERED)  
(1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Organization)  
(1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Membership)
  - 3 - Chicago (100-18953)  
(1 - A/134-46)  
(1 - 100-18952)(CP - USA, Membership)

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DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
ORGANIZATION

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Recontacting Former Communist  
Party Members

The Communist Party leadership in every Party district has been told to make up a list of the membership of the Communist Party for the past seven or eight years. They are to make inquiries of every unit and every contact, in order to re-locate members who were lost because a lack of frequent contact or who just dropped away from the Communist Party.

CG 5824-S learned that the Party has already prepared a list of close to 3,500 names of people in New York City whom they plan to contact and, if possible, bring back to the Communist Party. Similar lists are being prepared in Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and other large cities throughout the United States.

In addition, an effort will be made to go back into the smaller cities in several states in order to re-establish contacts in those communities which were neglected during the period when a large portion of the Communist Party leadership was operating in the underground.

Dues and Registration

CG 5824-S stated that PHIL BART told him that the registration is progressing better than was originally anticipated. He stated that while they do not have exact registration figures for the country as a whole, that the dues payments to the present time have gone up to 150,000, and they are expected to reach a figure in the 160,000's by the middle of January.

BART stated that since dues payments around registration time represent 80% of the membership, this is an advance in comparison to last year and certainly is an advance of the goal originally set for the registration.

CG 5824-S pointed out that dues payments in the Communist Party are divided on the basis of twelve monthly payments to obtain an average, and that by using BART's percentage, an estimated total membership figure can be obtained.

Assignment of Communist Party  
Members to Clubs

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
ORGANIZATION

CG 5824-S also learned that the Communist Party plans to reduce the number of persons who are members-at-large. Every individual will be expected to be assigned to a club except those who are in very strategic positions. These persons, for security reasons, may remain members-at-large but must be in contact with someone from the Party. The reasons for assigning as many members as possible to clubs are: first, to retain discipline; and second, to be able to collect dues and other funds which the Party needs from day to day.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, SAN JUAN (100-5228)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-96753)(#7-3)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]  
SM-C

DATE: 1/18/56

Identity of Informant  
Reliability  
Date

NY 1474-S\*  
Who has furnished reliable  
information in the past  
11/8/55

2 - San Juan (100-5228)(RM)  
1 - Albany (100-[REDACTED])(RM)  
1 - NY 100-26603 sub C43 (KINGS COUNTY CP)(#20-11)  
1 - NY 100-63755 [REDACTED](#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-92547 [REDACTED](#20-11)  
1 - NY 100-43258 [REDACTED](#20-11)  
1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP)(#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-21259 [REDACTED](#12-16)  
1 - NY 100-80770 [REDACTED](#12-16)  
1 - NY 100-8340 [REDACTED](#20-11)  
1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA ORGANIZATION)(#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-23290 [REDACTED](#19)  
1 - NY 100-26603 sub C41 (QUEENS COUNTY CP)(#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-52959 [REDACTED](#19)  
1 - NY 100-81710 [REDACTED](#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-65505 [REDACTED](#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-79967 [REDACTED](#19)  
1 - NY 100-9308 [REDACTED](#19)  
1 - NY 100-85573 [REDACTED](#7-5)  
1 - NY 100-35203 [REDACTED](#20-11)  
1 - NY 100-104142 (EMMA LAZARUS FEDERATION)(#7-2)  
1 - NY 100-66028 [REDACTED](#20-11)  
1 - NY 100-[REDACTED] (FNU [REDACTED] ph)(#7-6)(A woman described as in  
1 - NY 100-50806 [REDACTED](#7-5) working class community,  
possibly in Brooklyn,  
according to NY 1474-S\*  
on 11/8/55.)

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1 - NY 100-96753

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*J.V. Waters*

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NY 100-96753

NY 1474-S\* advised that on 11/8/55, [ ] at New York State CP Headquarters, took up organizational questions as a follow up to a conference which had been held previously. He said he had gone to a Brooklyn staff meeting and [ ] (believed to be [ ]) had had him there to make a report. He said that when the discussion opened [ ] (believed to be [ ]) had spoken and offered some rambling comments. She had stated that there were a lot of people unattached, very fine and wonderful people and she had been going around picking these people up and putting them into the Party, putting them into the mass movement. She had said that there was no system of organization that we know of which does that. She had also made the point that it was true that "we" need more than functioning clubs.

[ ] said that some of the comrades raised the question of what happens to the rest of the Party, what do we do, and how do we function. He mentioned in particular a woman named [ ] (phonetic) who asked these questions in connection with the working class community.

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[ ] also stated that [ ] (believed to be [ ]) had spoken (at this Brooklyn staff meeting) and after him [ ] (believed to be [ ]) had spoken and mainly had treated industrial problems and had made some good contributions which had nothing to do with the specific question "here." According to [ ], [ ] (believed to be [ ]) had spoken and been very critical. [ ] added that she had been that way for some time and it was not because of any peculiar problem which had arisen with regard to her being on or off the board. He mentioned that some elements of our ward were being caught off guard by the passage of the Communist control law. Some had gotten panicky and requested that the campaign be called off with the result that "we floundered and aren't we once again floundering?" He added that [ ] report provided no answers.

[ ] then stated that he had spoken. He said that they have been brought down to 22 sections and that is what they will remain - 22 sections. He raised a question

Letter to SAC, San Juan  
NY 100-96753

dealing with what they could do to accelerate them. He wondered whether there was anyone here or there capable of giving district leadership to 22 sections. At this point, according to the informant, [redacted] had stated that they did not. [redacted] continuing, asked how they could bring the County into close proximity to the State if they were going to operate on the basis of 22 sections. He said that there seemed to be an area of difference there and to go beyond Brooklyn, for a moment, he thought they would find something like that in Queens.

[redacted] then asked if [redacted] had spoken and [redacted] replied that he had not. [redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] was of the impression that for some time Brooklyn would have to operate with no less than 22 sections. [redacted] then spoke of the differences in Queens and Brooklyn and added that they should get a committee together consisting of himself and [redacted] to meet with the Brooklyn staff or part of the staff and work out specifics and get away from the general. In addition to himself and [redacted] [redacted] proposed three people from the Brooklyn staff claiming that they did not need the whole staff. He mentioned that [redacted] (believed to be [redacted]), [redacted] and [redacted] Also to handle this follow up on the organizational discussion (apparently in Queens) he mentioned [redacted] (believed to be [redacted]) and [redacted] together with himself and [redacted]

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[redacted] then stated that he was waiting for [redacted] (believed to be [redacted]) to tell them about [redacted] (believed to refer to [redacted]) opinion. He asked [redacted] if he could set up a meeting with him for Friday (presumably 11/11/55) at 3 p.m. [redacted] spoke of a meeting with [redacted] (it is believed that he was referring to [redacted])



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[ ] then stated that activity was developing on the Jewish Israel question and the TILL question. He added that they were beginning now to open up the press and then there was this open discussion on the organization. He said, in addition, that GEORGE (believed to be GEORGE CHARNEY) had suggested that they hold somekind of a functionary meeting on Israel. [ ] stated that he did not know how he was going to fit it in. He said that the previous night they had had a Section Organizers meeting and on the next Monday (presumably 11/14/55) they were to have a city wide Section Organizers' meeting on TILL. On the following Monday (presumably 11/21/55) and for three consecutive Mondays, Brooklyn was to have a Section Organizers' meeting. He said that on that following Monday (presumably 11/21/55) they were to have a meeting of the Section Organizers' on the registration. He said that they had a [ ] (believed to be [ ]) mass meeting coming up in Brooklyn on 12/1/55. He said that Manhattan had a [ ] mass meeting scheduled for the 18th and the Bronx had one for the 11th. He said he would have to call a meeting of the Section Organizers.

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[ ] then spoke about a mass meeting on [ ] to be held somewhere in his [ ] [ ] section. He also said that Brighton Beach was having a mass meeting with [ ]. He proposed that "we" hold such a functionaries' meeting sometime in December, and then they could pass the [ ] thing. He further proposed that himself, [ ] and [ ] (believed to be [ ]) meet with the SOs for the purpose of developing ideological clarity.

If it becomes necessary to disseminate this information, care should be taken to protect the informant's identity.

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Rebulet 12/9/55 and New York letter 11/9/55 entitled "CP USA - ORGANIZATION; IS - C."

Identification of all CP members in the area covered by the NYO has not been effected. The most recent information available, obtained on 11/3,4/55 through NY 1637-S\*, reflected that a statement for the first eight months of 1955 covering a district-by-district breakdown of registration figures, dues, assessments and recruits was in the possession of PHILIP BART and his wife, [REDACTED]

PHILIP BART was identified by NY 694-S on 6/3/55 as National Organizational Secretary of the CP USA. [REDACTED] was, from 1951 to 1955, a National CP functionary in the underground. It may be noted too that at a CP conference in August, 1955, PHIL BART discussed registration and dues matters, indicating that he was attempting to compile such data to determine the standing of the CP in such matters.

The above-mentioned statement discloses, with reference to the entire New York district, that an actual registration of 10,381 was achieved in 1954 but no figure, only a question mark, appears for 1955, with the percentage of registration for 1955 also noted with a question mark. Forty recruits for 1955 were indicated.

Other contact with NY 1637-S\*, having access to material in the possession of the BARTS, has not supplied further membership data.

Contact with NY 1317-S\*, having access to the records of the CP USA and New York State CP at 268 Seventh Avenue, NYC, has not furnished further information as to current membership of the CP.

[REDACTED] a source having access to material in the possession of CHARLES DIRBA, who apparently does auditing work for the CP, has revealed a compilation of membership registration data for New York County, disclosing a registration as of 12/8/55 of 2,299 members. However, no names were available, this being in line with CP practice of assembling data on members without recording names.

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It is believed that the program outlined in NY letter of 11/9/55, noted above, affords the most logical course for securing membership figures and identification of CP members in the area of the NYO, as well as revealing the organizational structure of the CP. This program currently is being intensively followed. Further investigation concerning the identities of the 2,299 registered members mentioned above will be conducted to ascertain their identities as much as possible. Investigation will also continue to obtain additional data, such as was received from [redacted] in an attempt to develop the registration records of the CP in the NY Office area.

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REPORT MADE AT  NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE  1/20/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE  10/1/55- 1/18/56	REPORT MADE BY  JOSEPH V. WATERS    haf/ek
TITLE  COMMUNIST PARTY, USA DISTRICT 2 - NEW YORK DIVISION			CHARACTER OF CASE  INTERNAL SECURITY - C

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

New York State Communist Party planning removal of offices in January, 1956 from 263 7th Avenue to 575 6th Avenue, NYC, into premises of Jefferson School of Social Science, on two-year lease. On 10/11/55, CP formed defense committee tentatively named Council for Personal Freedom. [redacted] suggested for position of New York District Organizer, then installing his own new leadership. District No. 2 estimated to have 11,000 CP members with 10,626 in area of New York division. 1955 registration goal of 100 per cent by 12/31/55 suggested, with all possible former members to be regained. Financial statement of NY State CP for 1/1/55 to 9/30/55, reflects receipts of \$34,930.42 and expenses of \$34,474.42. Variations in security measures defended by explanation CP operates according to trend of times and lessening of world tensions allows Party to operate in organizations heretofore closed to it. Informant reported on 10/4/55, that fight was then going on in NY State CP, a "Brooklyn gang" being said to be trying to take over district leadership, but national

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leaders would break up attempt. "Party Voice" No. 10, 1955, attributes July, 1955 Geneva Conference to demand of world's people for peaceful negotiations and fight by peace camp headed by USSR and China. NY State CP Education Department blames alignment of Israel with American imperialism for friction between Israeli and Arab people. NY State CP Legislative Conference held at JSSS on 12/10/55, with 200 attending; peace, civil liberties, and economic security declared to be main issues of interest to CP. SIMON W. GERSON asserted at Conference that labor can transform American politics. "Party Voice," No. 9, 1955, urged Federal intervention to secure justice, as matter of self-interest in ending "right to lynch" in South in connection with alleged murder of EMMETT TILL in Mississippi. Three-day meeting of NY State LYL held 9/30 and 10/1 and 2/55, at NYC, [redacted] chairman, reporting on Geneva Conference and its implications for youth. State LYL said to operate on annual budget of \$25,000 to \$30,000, \$8,000 going to national LYL. Informant, on 11/16/55, identified [redacted] as taking charge of NY State Farm Commission in latter part of December, 1955. [redacted] reported, as of 11/11/55, to be taking over leadership of NY State CP Jewish Commission on 12/6/55. NYSCP, as of 11/3/55, reported as feeling it important

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to have affairs scheduled in honor of [redacted],  
[redacted] indicted under Smith Act in Puerto Rico, in  
view of his reporting on treatment by "white Communists." [redacted]  
[redacted] on 11/13/55, mentioned launching of drive for  
6,500 subscriptions to "The Worker" to begin about 1/1/56.  
[redacted] on 10/7/55, declared weakened organizational  
structure had affected cadre in certain departments, noting  
that Brooklyn and Bronx had no education directors, essen-  
tially none in New York County and only one in Queens.

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MEMBERSHIP

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(New York File 100-80638)

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COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP IN DISTRICT TWO

Current membership of the Communist Party in District 2, covering all of New York State, is estimated at 11,000.

The estimate of the number of Communist Party members within that area of District 2 covered by the New York Division is 10,626.

T-12, on September 28, 1955, made available a copy of a Communist Party registration tabulation sheet prepared for use in a New York City county.

This sheet indicates that membership data to be secured as to each member was to cover the following items:

Age  
Section  
Length of time in the Party  
Occupation  
Employment in light industry, the building  
trades, machinist, heavy industry or other  
Trade Union  
National Origin  
Miscellaneous organizations of which a member

Information was also sought as to whether or not the member registered was a regular reader of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker".

The sheet was also to be noted with the information as to whether or not the club in which the member registered as a member was meeting regularly.

T-1 has reported on October 6, 1955 that on that date [ ] stated that the Party had not had a registration for two years and that a meeting of the Board

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of the New York State Communist Party was meeting the following week in order to alert a greater section of the leadership to the registration campaign and to spread the campaign out in the Party. [ ] declared that there was to be a fight for every single Party member that could be gotten.

T-18, on October 13, 1955, advised that a draft of a memorandum entitled "For a Full-Scale Registration, Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 1955" had been prepared for consideration by CHARLES DIRBA.

T-11, on December 22, 1955, indicated that CHARLES DIRBA was an accountant for the Communist Party and was being compensated for his services in such capacity.

This memorandum on registration set out goals of 40% by September 30th, 80% by November 8th, Election Day, and 100% by December 31, 1955. Special club meetings for discussion of the registration campaign were to be held between September 12th and 30th and every member was to receive a copy of a letter prepared by the New York State Committee of the Communist Party, for use as a discussion guide along with a National Committee statement on the subject of registration, that statement having been published in "The Worker" of August 7, 1955.

Success in registration was seen in the light of the situation prevailing after the Geneva Conference and members were to be urged not only to increase the Party's numerical strength but to strengthen every member's political and organizational ties with the Party and also improve the functioning of clubs.

Everything possible was to be done to register all members, special attention being paid to those on the verge of dropping out and those whose organizational ties with the Party had been very weak. Such members were to be strengthened by discussion and involved in such activities as work in mass organizations in order to prevent discouragement and indifference and also secure the attendance of such members at club meetings.



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Every member was to be placed in industry as far as possible or in a mass organization.

The Party member conducting registration activities was told to reach and regain all possible former members who had been lost because of the past atmosphere of "witch hunts and intimidation" as well as those whose loss was due to organizational failure. It was noted that the Party had been too rigid and mechanical in dropping all who had received treatment by psychoanalysts rather than deciding each case on its merits.

Those whose transfers had not been effected in a long time were to be picked up for the collection of dues and registration and a new transfer prepared.

It was also stated that the registration forms provided were to be filled out from the bottom up in order that the data on those registered might be cut off and turned in, with the remaining top part to be used for further registration, continuing the use of such form from the bottom.

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MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau File 100-3-68)  
(New York File 100-80638)

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Communist Party membership in District 2, all of New York State, is currently estimated at eleven thousand members.

That area of the district covered by the New York Office is estimated to have 10,626 members. Membership in the rest of District 2, the areas covered by the Albany and Buffalo Offices has been estimated by those offices to total 374.

The Albany Office, by letter dated December 30, 1955, has advised of a estimated 168 Communist Party members in the area of District 2 covered by that office.

The Buffalo Office, by letter dated December 29, 1955, has advised of its estimated 206 members of the Communist Party in the area covered by that office.

The foregoing estimate of eleven thousand members of the Communist Party in District 2 is based in part on information made available by T-10 on November 3 and 4, 1955. The informant on those dates made available a statement of registration, dues and assessments covering the period January 1st to August 31, 1955. This statement was in the possession of PHIL BART.

On April 5, 1955, T-2 advised that BART was then in charge of the organizational and financial operations of the Communist Party, USA, and on June 3, 1955, this informant advised that BART continued to be National Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party, USA.

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A copy of the statement made available by T-10 reflects a district breakdown of registration figures apparently for 1954 and 1955 as well as dues payments received, Party recruits, and returns on the 1954 and 1955 assessments.

In this statement, the New York district is indicated to have had as of 1954, 10,381 members but the uncertainty of this figure is indicated in the statement by a question mark. No figure is indicated for 1955, only a question mark is noted. A question mark is also indicated in the column headed "R%", evidently denoting registration accomplishment. In the column in the statement indicating recruits, the figure 40 appears.

The estimate of eleven thousand is also based on the information set out in referenced report in support of the estimate made for inclusion in that report.

T-1 has reported that on September 22, 1955, [ ] made the statement that the Party had not had a registration for two years and that the matter was a problem. [ ] observed that there had always been a dispute about the members registered even when the Party maintained "meticulous record". [ ] further said that there had always been discrepancies in the figures, and said that the state and the counties should have figures while sections and clubs must have names.

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[ ] also said that he could not remember any registration that had been completed in six weeks or two months and said that the difficult part of registration was the final 20% made up of people who had moved and whom the Party was unable to find. [ ] remarked that the number mounted up into the hundreds.

[ ] suggested that the Party follow the method used in organizing its fund drive, that is, setting a quota of names for the different comrades to register.

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T-2 NY 694-S	Jewish Group will operate locally. instead of nationally	11/30/55	[REDACTED]
	Decision of CP to remove to premises of JSSS, and location of CP National and State offices	12/14/55	"
	Documentation of PHIL BART		
T-3 [REDACTED]	YKUF Winter plans	10/7/55	
	Documentation of ALP		
	NY State CP feels it important to treat [REDACTED] well	11/3/55	
	Meeting on 9/29/55 re organization of Defense Committee of CP	10/5/55	
	Meeting of Defense Committee on 10/5/55	10/11/55	
	Meeting of Council for Personal Freedom on 10/12/55 & 10/19/55	10/18/55 & 10/27/55	
T-4 NY 693-S*	Plans for NY visit of [REDACTED]	9/30/55	
	<del>Proposed meeting for celebration of discovery of Puerto Rico, 9/30/55</del>	<del>10/21/55</del> <del>9/30/55</del>	

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T-2 NY 694-S	Jewish Group will operate locally. instead of nationally Decision of CP to remove to premises of JSSS, and location of CP National and State offices Documentation of PHIL BART	11/30/55 12/14/55	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 30px;"></div> "
T-3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div>	YKUF Winter plans Documentation of ALP NY State CP feels it important to treat <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px;"></div> well Meeting on 9/29/55 re organization of Defense Committee of CP Meeting of Defense Committee on 10/5/55 Meeting of Council for Personal Freedom on 10/12/55 & 10/19/55	10/7/55 11/3/55 10/5/55 10/11/55 10/18/55 10/27/55	
T-4 NY 693-S*	Plans for NY visit of <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 20px;"></div> <del>Proposed meeting for celebration of discovery of Puerto Rico, 9/30/55</del>	9/30/55 10/21/55 <del>9/30/55</del>	

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T-5 CG 5824-S	Documentation of MAX WEISS Documentation of GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY Documentation of [redacted] Documentation of [redacted] "Brooklyn Gang" taking over NY Dist CP Leader-ship, <i>members identified</i> Documentation of [redacted] Documentatinn of [redacted]	10/4/55 12/8/55	JOHN E. KEATING
T-6 [redacted]	Documentation of [redacted]		
T-7 [redacted]	Documentation of [redacted] Documentation of [redacted]		
T-8 NY 1622-S*	Documentation of [redacted] Proceedings at meetings of NY State CP Board on 10/12/55, 10/26/55, 11/9/55 & 12/2/55, 11/23/55	10/12/55 10/26/55 11/9/55 12/21/55 11/23/55	
T-9 NY 1409-S*	NYSLYL Council Meeting 9/30/55 NYS LYL Council Meeting 10/1/55 NYS LYL Council Meeting 10/2/55	9/30/55 10/1/55 10/2/55	

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T-10 NY 1637-S*	Statement on registration & dues for period Jan. 1-Aug. 31, 1955 in possession of PHIL BART	11/3,4/55	
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T-11 NY 1317-S*	"Program of Action on Till Case" 12/2/55 Payments to CP, USA 12/22/55 NY State CP statement of income and expenditures 10/21/55 Document re Israel-Arab situation 11/17/55 Provisions of lease by NY State CP of premises of JSSS 1/11/56 Memorandum announcing Legislative Conference on 12/10/55 11/17/55 <i>Documentation of Charles Diiba</i>		
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[Redacted]	Elks Lodge Till Rally, 11/7/55 Security Measures: Destruction of CP Registration slips 10/3/55 Area 3 CP staff meetings on 11/7/55 11/17/55 Securing of teachers for Area 3 CP School 12/28/55 Bail fund for [Redacted] 12/16/55	11/17/55	
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T-12 [redacted] (Cont'd)	1955 CP registration tabulation sheet	9/28/55	
T-13 [redacted]	NAACP Club, CP Buffalo, NY	12/15/55	Buffalo Office
T-14 [redacted]	CP Legislative Conference	12/14/55	[redacted]
	Legislative interests of the NYS CP	12/14/55	
T-15 BU 185-S*	11/28/55 Upstate CP leaders divided	11/28/55	
T-16 [redacted]	Security Measures: Relaxation of Security Measures	10/6/55	[redacted]
	[redacted] speech at Bronx CP meeting on 10/12/55 re Soviet-Yugo situation	10/17/55	"

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T-17	Documentation of [redacted] [redacted]		
T-18	[redacted] Dues payments to CP, USA Deposits to NY State CP bank account for Oct. & Nov. 1955 Memorandum on "Full- Scale Registration Sept. 1 to Dec. 31, 1955	11/16/55  12/16/55 10/13/55	b6 b7C b7D
T-19	[redacted] of [redacted] NY State CP [redacted] (by request)	11/1/55 12/1/55 1/3/56	ALPHONSE J. SUTKUS DANIEL F. GARDE ALPHONSE J. SUTKUS

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T-20 [redacted]	Info re Eastern CP Farm Conference	12/21/55	
	Info re NYS CP Farm Commission	11/16/55	
	Documentation of [redacted]		
T-21 [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]	Consideration of CP of 290 7th Ave., NYC for its offices at NYO (by request)	11/29/55 & 12/6/55	[redacted]
T-22 NY 1657-S*	Educational Program for Bklyn, CP, 12/29/55	12/29/55	
T-23 CG 5824-S	Documentation of [redacted]		

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T-24 NY 1475-S*	<i>use of 168 7th Ave, N.Y.</i> Discussion of use of premises of JSSS for offices of CP and possible return to 35 E. 12th St., NYC	<i>10-16-12-31-55</i> 12/2/55	

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Documentation of LILLIAN GATES

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Two symbols, T-5 and T-23 were utilized for CG 5824-S to better protect the identity of this informant.

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Copies of this report have been designated for the above offices for information in view of their interest in activities taking place in District No. 2.

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow and report pertinent activities of the CP, USA District No. 2 for the quarterly period January 1, 1956 to March 31, 1956.

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, 10/20/55, NY.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

DATE: 1/20/56

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (12-14)

SUBJECT: CP - USA  
IS-CThe following teletype was sent to the Bureau on  
1/20/56:

1-NY 100-86624 (CP - USA, Int'l Rel.) (12-14)  
1-NY 134-91 (P & C) (6)  
1-NY 100-9365 (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (19)  
1-NY 100-80641 (CP - USA Organization) (12-14)  
1-NY 100-13480 (JOSEPH STAROBIN) (12-14)  
1-NY 100-81675 (CP - USA, P & C) (12-14)  
1-NY 100-87211 (CP - USA, Factionalism) (12-14)  
1-NY 100-95583 (CP Line) (12-14)  
1-NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (19)  
1-NY 97-169 (Publishers New Press, Inc.) (7-2)  
1-NY 100-110469 (CP - USA Alternate Leadership) (12-14)  
1-NY 100-96985 (CP - USA Underground) (19)  
1-NY 100-89816 (FRED FINE) (19)  
1-NY 100-16785 (JAMES JACKSON) (19)  
1-NY 100-50983 [REDACTED] (19)  
1-NY 100-81752 (COMPROS) (7-5)  
1-NY 100-102320 (Internal Security Act of 1950) (7-5)  
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1-NY 100-92763 (PETTIS PERRY) (7-5)  
1-NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH G. FLYNN) (7-5)  
1-NY 100-66211 [REDACTED] (7-5)  
1-NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (19)  
1-NY 100-18673 [REDACTED] (7-5)  
1-NY 100-18672 (MAX WEISS) (19)  
1-NY 100-98699 (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (19)  
1-NY 100-9573 (NED SPARKS) (19)  
1-NY 100-17923 [REDACTED] (19)  
1-NY 100-23825 (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.) (7-5)  
1-NY 100-89691 (Dom. Adm. Issues) (12-14)  
1-NY 100-121760 (CP Headquarters) (12-14)  
1-NY 100-51820 (Jefferson School) (7-2)  
1-NY 100-26603-42 (NY County CP) (12-14)  
1-NY 100-26603 (CP-NY State) (12-14)  
1-NY 100-80638 (CP - USA Membership) (12-14)  
1-NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (19)  
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CP, USA; IS - C. BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH THREE. NY SIX NINE FOUR DASH S ADVISED TODAY THAT HE CONFERRED ON JANUARY NINETEENTH, FIFTY SIX, WITH WILLIAM Z FOSTER, OSTENSIBLY FOR PURPOSE OF INFORMING LATTER THAT INFORMANT PLANS TO GO TO CANADA SOON, AND TO OBTAIN FROM FOSTER ANY MESSAGE LATTER MIGHT WISH TO SEND TO CANADIAN CP. IT IS SUGGESTED EXTREME CAUTION BE EXERCISED IN THE DISSEMINATION OF FOLLOWING INFO INASMUCH AS MUCH OF THE INFO BY ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY NY SIX NINE FOUR S AS THE SOURCE THEREOF. FOSTER INSTRUCTED NY SIX NINE FOUR S TO INFORM CANADIAN CP LEADERS THAT CP, USA LEADERSHIP IS VERY CRITICAL OF JOSEPH STAROBINS RECENT BOOK (TITLE NOT MENTIONED) IN THAT "IT FALSIFIES THE PARTYS FIGHT AGAINST WAR," INDICATING THAT "THERE NEVER WAS A DANGER OF WAR," IN THAT, FURTHER, AS NOTED BY BOTH FOSTER AND EUGENE DENNIS, "IT ATTACKS THE FRENCH CP," AND IN THAT "IT PLAYS OFF CHINA AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION." FOSTER ALSO MENTIONED THAT HIS OWN LATEST BOOK (TITLE NOT MENTIONED) IS NOW READY FOR THE PRESS, AND WILL BE PUBLISHED "IN TIME FOR MY

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BIRTHDAY." ACCORDING TO FOSTER, ALTHOUGH HIS BIRTHDAY IS MARCH TWENTY FIFTH, THERE WILL BE A CELEBRATION THEREOF "IN A LARGE HALL" ON MARCH SECOND. FOSTER REQUESTED THAT NY SIX NINE FOUR S ADVISE CANADIAN CP THAT FOSTER HAS WRITTEN TWO ARTICLES "OF BASIC IMPORTANCE," ONE ENTITLED, "HAS WORLD CAPITALISM STABILIZED ITSELF?" TO APPEAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF "POLITICAL AFFAIRS," AND THE OTHER, ENTITLED "THE ADVANCE OF SOCIALISM TO WORLD LEADERSHIP," TO APPEAR SOON IN THE DAILY WORKER. ACCORDING TO FOSTER, THESE ARTICLES ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT HE EVER HAS WRITTEN, AND WERE THE SUBJECT OF SERIOUS DISCUSSION IN THE PARTY. THE ARTICLES REPRESENT NOT ONLY FOSTERS THINKING, BUT ALSO THE PARTYS THINKING. THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS ARTICLE WILL REFLECT THAT WORLD SOCIALISM IS STRONGER TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE, AND THAT CAPITALISM IS RETROGRESSING. THIS, ACCORDING TO FOSTER, IS THE REASON THE PARTY POLICY TODAY IS AGAINST "THE ISOLATIONISM" OF THE PAST FIVE YEARS. FOSTER ALSO STATED THAT HIGH LEVEL CP DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS CP LEADERSHIP, AND THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS WILL CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME. THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS LEADERSHIP IS BEING DISCUSSED NOT ONLY AS REGARDS "NATIONAL

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DISTRIBUTION" BUT ALSO AS REGARDS "DISTRICT DISTRIBUTION." FOSTER STATED THAT WHEN HE LAST CONFERRED WITH NY SIX NINE FOUR S HE WAS AWARE THAT THE CP FUGITIVES FINE, [REDACTED] WOULD SUR-  
RENDER, BUT THAT THE MATTER WAS "TOP SECRET," KNOWN ONLY TO TWO PEOPLE, AND THAT FOSTER COULD NOT GIVE NY SIX NINE FOUR S A HINT THEREOF. FOSTER STATED CP, USA LEADERSHIP IS STRONGER TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE IN THAT SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY ONE THE PARTY HAS HAD FIVE SUCCESSIVE LEADERSHIPS, ALL OF SAID LEADERS HAVING LEARNED MUCH DURING THEIR TENURE OF OFFICE. HE REFERRED TO THE FIRST LEADERSHIP AS "THE GUYS WHO FIRST WENT TO JAIL," THE SECOND HE REFERRED TO AS "BETTY GANNETT, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, AND PETTIS PERRY," THE THIRD AS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND PHIL BART," THE FOURTH AS "MAX WEISS, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, AND NED SPARKS" (AS OF TWO WEEKS AGO), AND THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP AS "THE OLD LEADING GUYS SUCH AS DENNIS, GATES, DAVIS (AFTER HIS PAROLE HAS TERMINATED) AND FRED FINE." FOSTER STATED THAT ALTHOUGH THE PARTYS AIM IS TO OPERATE AS "AN OPEN PARTY" THERE REMAINS A SMALL BUT GOOD FRAMEWORK OF THE UNDERGROUND APPARATUS COMPOSED OF PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHAT TO DO NOW. IN THE EVENT THE McCARRAN ACT, SPECIFICALLY THE REGISTRATION

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CLAUSE THEREOF, SHOULD BE AFFIRMED ON APPEAL, THE CP UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL ALLOW THE MEMBERSHIP IN GENERAL TO REGISTER. A FEW TOP LEADERS "MAY" REGISTER "IF COMPELLED TO." IF HOWEVER THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD INSTITUTE WHOLESAL ARRESTS OF CP OFFICIALS AND OF RANK AND FILE PARTY MEMBERS WHO REFUSE TO REGISTER, THE UNDERGROUND WILL BE NECESSARILY REACTIVATED "AS A LAST EXTREME." FOSTER STATED HE DOES NOT BELIEVE "THE ADMINISTRATION" WILL FORCE THE PARTY "UNDER." THE PARTY IS SO CONFIDENT OF WHAT THE ADMINISTRATION POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE PARTY IS THAT NEW HEADQUARTERS-- NATIONAL AND STATE--ARE BEING SET UP AT THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL. HE STATED THAT THE OLD HEADQUARTERS IS BEING RETAINED AS HEADQUARTERS "FOR THE COUNTY." REGARDING CP MEMBERSHIP LOSSES, FOSTER STATED THAT THE PARTY HAS SUFFERED SERIOUS LOSSES, BUT THAT "PEOPLE WILL BE REGISTERING." HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT "THE BANNER PARTY" IS IN CALIFORNIA. IN REPLY TO NY SIX NINE FOUR S' COMMENT THAT "NEW YORK USED TO BE THE BIG ONE," FOSTER SAID THAT "THEY LOST A LOT HERE." HE SAID THAT "THE SITUATION OF THE PEOPLES WORLD ON THE WEST COAST IS A GOOD ONE," BUT THAT THE DAILY WORKER HERE IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM. WHAT FOSTER IS CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT

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"THE DW FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN IS SLOWER THAN EVER." ALTHOUGH SOME PEOPLE, ACCORDING TO FOSTER, SAY THE SITUATION IS NORMAL INSOFAR AS "THE DW ALWAYS IS IN A CRISIS," FOSTER DOES NOT AGREE WITH THIS OPINION. REGARDING CURRENT CP LEADERSHIP, FOSTER STATED THAT LEADERSHIP IS BECOMING NORMAL INASMUCH AS "WE AGAIN HAVE A SECRETARIAT, A POLITICAL COMMITTEE, AND A NATIONAL COMMITTEE." HE DID NOT IDENTIFY THE MEMBERS THEREOF. WITH RESPECT TO JACK STACHEL, CONCERNING WHOM THE INFORMANT INQUIRED REGARDING STACHELS "COMING BACK TO LEADERSHIP," FOSTER SAID THAT STACHEL WOULD NOT RETURN TO ACTIVE LEADERSHIP "BECAUSE HE FACES THE DANGER OF THE GOVERNMENTS DEPORTING HIM ANY DAY NOW--AS THEY DID CLAUDIA JONES." DISSEMINATION OF ABOVE WILL BE MADE TO ALL PERTINENT NY CASE FILES. IN VIEW OF WIDESPREAD INTEREST OF THIS INFO DISSEMINATION TO OTHER OFFICES IS BEING LEFT TO DISCRETION OF BUREAU UACB.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100 -26603 sub 043)(#20-11)

FROM : SA JAMES E. REILLY DATE: 1/26/56

SUBJECT: KINGS COUNTY CP  
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Identity of Informant NY 1474-S\*  
Reliability Who has furnished reliable  
information in the past  
Date 11/1/55

1 - NY 100-22066 (BERNARD FRIEDLAND)(#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-80770 [REDACTED] (#12-16)  
1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA ORGANIZATION)(#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-12176 (CP, USA HEADQUARTERS)(#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-89590 (CP, USA STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)(#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-13558 [REDACTED] (#20-11)  
1 - NY 100-50954 [REDACTED] (#20-11)  
1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP)(#12-14)  
1 - NY 97-169 ("DAILY WORKER")(#7-2)  
1 - NY 100- [REDACTED] LNU)(#20-11) (Had registered about  
15 people on one Sunday  
together with [REDACTED] (believed  
to be [REDACTED] according  
to NY 1474-S\* on 11/1/55.)  
1 - NY 100- [REDACTED] LNU)(#7-6) (His wife was in Long  
Island Jewish Hospital  
following a stomach  
operation, according to  
NY 1474-S\* on 11/1/55)  
1 - NY 100-34632 (WATERFRONT SECTION CP)(#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-13644 (UE)(#7-2)

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NY 1474-S\* advised that on 11/1/55, BERNIE FRIEDLAND was in discussion with [redacted] (believed to be [redacted]) at NY State CP Headquarters. [redacted] stated that he had had a staff meeting at 11:30 a.m. that day and BERNIE asked him if he knew anything concerning the railroad meeting that night. According to the informant, [redacted] made no reply to this question. [redacted] asked BERNIE how well he knew [redacted] (phonetic) and his wife because the wife was sick, having had a stomach operation and was in the Long Island Jewish Hospital. BERNIE said that he would call or send her a card.

BERNIE then stated that he wished to discuss the trade union resolution and [redacted] said that he knew the resolution was coming out in about four or five months. and he wanted BERNIE to speak to an enlarged group of the Brooklyn cadre and give them the trade union report that BERNIE had given at the State Board meeting. According to [redacted] November 21st at 8 p.m. at 1212 Kings Highway in Brooklyn, was the date and place set for the meeting and he also said that their office was at that address. BERNIE then stated that he desired to know all that [redacted] knew concerning the UE and Communists on the ILA

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Later that same afternoon, according to the informant, BERNIE stated that they had had a report by [redacted] (believed to be [redacted]) to the board concerning problems in connection with the Daily's labor coverage. He said the problem was that the unions were objecting to the Daily's reporting of labor matters because the unions felt that it looked too much as if they were only giving information to the Daily. BERNIE stated that it had been agreed that a corps of industry correspondents would be established with the result that the Daily would not be considered the mouthpiece of the rank and file but

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that it would report problems and trends factually. BERNIE said that it was agreed that the labor secretary would go over industry by industry and that the correspondent must be of high quality and either on the regional committee or else put on the committee for that very purpose. [ ] said that unless the correspondents were of high quality they might write articles that were contrary to the Party line

BERNIE then said he wanted to know about Party registration and [ ] stated that it was average in the county (believed to be Brooklyn) and that he thought that the figure was about 45% registered. He stated that [ ] (believed to be [ ]) was secretary now, and that [ ] and [ ] had gone out one Sunday and registered about 15.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 1/20/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/1/55 - 1/18/56	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH V. WATERS haf/exk
TITLE COMMUNIST PARTY, USA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

### QUARTERLY REPORT

October 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955

Communist Party, USA planning removal of offices in January, 1956 from 268 7th Avenue to 575 6th Avenue, NYC, in building of Jefferson School of Social Science. CP reported on 12/8/55, to be preparing re-establishment of its leadership, with addition of some leaders, now in secondary capacity, to National Committee. EUGENE DENNIS and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT reported on 12/15/55 to be leaders in reorganization. Holding of CP National Convention, on or about 2/12/56, contemplated, but postponement until after decision by Supreme Court on registration of CP under McCarran Act, among other factors, being considered. National Organization Department, on 9/29/55, asserted registration of "lost souls" is national concentration point to put end to constant shrinkage of CP membership. Financial statement of CP, USA 1/1/55, to 9/30/55, reflects receipts of \$158,756.18 and disbursements of \$143,313.15. Informant reported on 8/13 and 9/16 and 27/55 that "The Worker" was being distributed to those "afraid" by being stamped "sample copy" and sending it by cover letter signed "A Friend." Informant advised on 10/18/55, CP maintains skeleton underground leadership, made up chiefly of fugitives; consideration being given to setting up skeleton apparatus in districts because of uncertainty of Party's future. Discussion had regarding possibility of amnesty for [redacted]

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[ ] and GILBERT GREEN, convicted fugitives, to save them from additional jail terms should they surrender. Informant on 10/14/55, reported proposals of JOHN GATES as New York District Organizer and MAX WEISS for grooming for position of Editor of "Daily Worker" indicates CP national office wants placement of members close to EUGENE DENNIS rather than WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. FOSTER in DW, 11/17/55, denies July, 1955 Geneva Conference was failure - he urges elimination by US of over-stuffed war appropriations, NATO, SEATO, attempts to develop Germany as war power, manufacture of A and H Bombs, efforts to keep Red China out of UN, and pro-fascist legislation in US. FOSTER in DW, 10/5/55, criticized France's "spirit of ruthless imperialism" in Algeria and support of France by US in UN. JAMES S. ALLEN, International Publishers editor, in "The Worker" of 12/14/55, criticized the Administration's foreign aid policy as an instrument of cold war and pro-colonialism, rather than meeting real needs of countries as they desire. DW of 12/13/55, declares unity of independents can develop pressure on political candidates to assume "more advanced positions" such action thereby promoting independent action of labor and its allies, eventually speeding development of third party based on labor movement, the aim of the left. "Political Affairs," December, 1955, lists issues to be supported by left-progressive forces, some being: lower taxes on lower and middle income groups, civil rights, repeal of sections of Taft-Hartley Act, 100 per cent farm parity, \$1.25 minimum wage, McCarran-Walter Act repeal. Celebration of 75th birthday of FOSTER in February, 1956 being planned. CRC to be liquidated by decision of National Committee, with new defense organizations to be formed in important centers in country as broad mass front organizations. FOSTER in DW, 12/15/55, wrote that AF of L - CIO

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merger is step forward for working class, and politically, will facilitate formation of Labor-Farmer Party. New AF of L-CIO organization criticized for its conservative leadership, lack of democracy, and failure to break with class collaboration. GEORGE BLAKE CHARNEY, Smith Act defendant in New York, reported to have suggested time was ripe for enlisting veterans' support for all veterans prosecuted under that Act. "Political Affairs," December 1955, on alleged murder of EMMETT TILL in Mississippi, asserts that Negro liberation in America, as well as victory in TILL case, is impossible without influence of Marxist movement in US, and on world scale. DW of 12/11/55, urges dispatch of Federal troops to Mississippi to halt "racist terror" there. National LYL membership estimated at 3,000, a figure representing decline in last two years. Failure of TV shows to portray plight of working-class wife deplored in DW of 12/1/55. "Women Against Slavery" by SAMUEL SILLEN recommended in DW of 12/9/55, as gem throwing light on role of women in eradicating slavery. Proposal made for issuance of special edition of "Facts for Farmers" in December, 1955, or January, 1956, dealing with farmers' demands on Congress; with conventions of farm organizations and farmer-labor unity. Proposal also made for DW and "The Worker" coverage of hearings on parity to clarify this issue among CP farm forces. DW, 10/23/55, published article by Soviet composer, who urged close contacts between cultures of nations. [REDACTED] in DW of 10/26/55, asserts movie "Trial" was craftily conceived with all the subtlety of a rattlesnake and harmful to causes to which millions adhere. FOSTER reported to have stated national groups field of CP suffered most in past and capable person is to

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assume control when things become normal. ABNER W. BERRY in DW of 10/18/55, intimates white people in South attend church, but are not actually Christian in belief. Memo to all districts dated 11/4/55, discussed need of expanding circulation of "The Worker" and the DW to put Marxists and entire left in position to make their views felt. Heavy losses by both publications in past few years noted. DAVID GOLDWAY, member, Board of Trustees, JSSS, reported to have said on 11/28/55, at Marxist Institute class of school, that coming revolution in America must be aided by Negro people who have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

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(New York file 100-80638)

This section was prepared  
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T-17, on November 18, 1955, made available a copy of a letter dated September 29, 1955 prepared by the National Organization Department of the Communist Party concerning the matter of transfers. This letter stated that all transfers of members would have to contain at least all of the following information:

1. Name and address of transferee.
2. Code for use of the local area to be used for effecting recognition upon contact with the transferee.
3. A political characterization of the transferee.
4. His standing with reference to his dues.

The communication further stated with respect to dues and registration that the Organization Department desired breakdowns of dues receipts for the years 1954 and 1955. This was desired in order to enable that department to work out national dues totals and averages. The department also desired the breakdowns of registration information for 1953 and 1954 and an analysis of these breakdowns as soon as possible in addition to information obtained in the course of the current registration.

The letter of the department asserted that registration of "lost souls" was to be a national concentration point in order to put an end to the constant shrinkage of the Party membership.

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T-1 NY 694-S	Consideration given to establishment of Slavic-American magazine in US and Canada.	10/25, 26/55		
	National groups will have capable leader in future.	"	"	
	Plan to organize Italian immigrants	"	"	
	Jews in Canada losing their identity	"	"	
	Jewish Movement suffered heavy losses in the IWO	11/17/55	"	
	Used to Document Camp Lakeland-Kinderland			
	Jewish CP leaders of US and Canada to meet on Jewish question.	10/25, 26/55		
	Jewish leaders to discuss Egyptian- Israeli situation.	11/10/55	"	
	Jewish leaders in rift over downfall of the IWO.	11/30/55	"	

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T-1 (Contd.)	Postponement of meet between US and Canadian CP leaders.	12/14/55		
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	Yugoslavs not accepting "TITO"	10/25, 26/55	"	
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	Decision of CP to remove to premises of JSSS, and location of CP National and State offices.	12/14/55	"	
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	National Committee to meet week of 1/3/56, to assign personnel.	"	"	
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Documentation of PHIL BART.

T-2	Used to document "China Daily News"
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"China Daily News" officers	12/30/55		
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Jewish Communists and Israel-Egypt dispute	11/18/55	JAMES J. KERIN and
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Plans for "Morning Freiheit" fund drive. 11/29/55

Celebrations for 11/14/55

Used to document "RUSSKY GOLOS"

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Defense of the CP. 12/15/55

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T-8 [redacted] (By request)	"Morning Freiheit" circulation "	10/12/55	[redacted]	
T-9 [redacted] (by request)	"Morning Freiheit" circulation	11/18/55	[redacted] JAMES J. KERIN	
T-10 [redacted]	[redacted] ousted as head of Jewish Publication and Cultural Committee.  Used to document Jewish Publication and Research Committee	11/30/55	[redacted]	
	"RUSSKY GOLOS" fund drive	11/30/55	[redacted]	
T-11 CSNY 335-S	Used to document Jewish Publication and Cultural Committee			
T-12 CG 5824-S	Used to document [redacted]  Illinois-Indiana CP District Secretariat meeting, Chicago, 10/25/55.	10/28/55	JOHN E. KEATING	

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<del>Negro trade union</del> meeting.	11/28/55	JOHN E. KEATING
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Documentation of EDWARD STRONG

National Negro Labor Council.	11/28/55	"
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Identity of several members of National Administrative Committee.	12/8/55	"
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Mass meeting planned for 2/27/56	12/8/55	JOHN E. KEATING
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CP Seminar re Soviet recognition of "TITO"	11/14/55	RICHARD H. NACHTSHEIM
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temporarily handling education work in National office of CP.	12/12/55
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State-National Committee to be set up to assign cadre.	10/6/55
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T-16 NY 1317-S*	LYL membership information	10/21/55		
	1955 contract struggle in Auto	11/17/55		
	11/17/55; Info re informers.	11/17/55		
	11/17/55: Status of Marxist Press	11/17/55		
	"Emmett Louis Till Lynching" 9/29/55	12/2/55		
	Political position of Social-Democrats and Renegade Groups, 12/2/55	12/2/55		
	Receipts and Ex- penditures, CP, USA.	12/22/55		
	Lease of sixth floor of JSSS by NYSCP.	1/11/56		
	Document re Farm Matters.	10/21/55		
	Letter re Veteran's Matters.	12/2/55		

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	Letter from CP of India	11/17/55		
	Letter from CP of Sweden	11/17/55		
T-17 SFCS 2151-S*	Letter of National Organization Department dated 9/29/55, regarding dues and registration.	11/18/55		
T-18 [redacted]	Letter re "New Challenge"	11/22/55	J. F. GALLAGHER	
	Used to document "New Challenge"			
T-19 [redacted]	Textile colonization	10/15/55		
	[redacted] a member of National Textile Commission.			
T-20 [redacted]	Textile colonization	11/10/55	JOE C. HESTER	

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	UPW and AMCBW merger	11/28/55	JOHN E. KEATING	
	Till Movement 10/28/55	10/28/55	"	
	<del>Security Measures:</del> Documentation of [REDACTED]			
	Security Measures: Establishment of Review Commissions	10/18/55	JOHN E. KEATING	
	Security Measures: Plan of Detecting Informants	10/4/55	"	
	Security Measures: Re-vamping of Screening Methods	11/15/55	"	
	Struggle for CP Positions Among CP Leaders	10/4/55 12/8/55 12/15/55	JOHN E. KEATING & CARL N. FREYMAN	
	NED SPARKS memo	12/8/55	JOHN E. KEATING	
	CP Leaders Differ on International Line of CP	12/8/55	"	
	INFO RE: WINSTON + GREEN	"	"	

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NAC Debate re: <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	12/8/55	JOHN E. KEATING
article in "Political Affairs" of December 1955.		

CP policy re Underground	10/18/55	"
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Colonization project.	10/28/55	"
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Status of fugitives while underground	12/23/55	CARL N. FREYMAN
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Documentation of 

MAX WEISS a leader of CP underground apparatus, with JACK KLING as its organizational secretary.	11/15/55	JOHN E. KEATING
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Consideration being given to postpone-ment of CP National Convention from 2/12/56.	11/9/55	JOHN E. KEATING & CARL N. FREYMAN
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	Districts of CP, USA	"		
T-23 [redacted]	CP Control of Workers Revolution, aided by the Negro people.	11/30/55	[redacted]	
T-24 [redacted]	CP Outline for 1956 <i>FARM LEAFLET</i>	12/15/55 "	[redacted] ZACK J. VAN LANDINGHAM	
T-25 [redacted]	D.W. Financial difficulties.	10/55	L.A. Div.	
T-26 [redacted]	Subscription drive for D.W. by CP.	10/27/55	Baltimore Division	
T-27 [redacted]	Security Measures: Distribution Scheme for "The Worker".	8/13/55 9/16, 27/55	Chicago Division	b6 b7C b7D
T-28 [redacted]	Security Measures: Destruction of CP Registration Slips.	10/3/55	RICHARD H. BLASSER	
T-29 [redacted]	Security Measures: Relaxation of Security Measures.	10/6/55	[redacted]	
T-30 [redacted]	Pacifist attitude now existing between pro-Tito and pro-Cominform people.	12/23/55	JAMES M. ANDERSON	

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T-31 LOUIS BUDENZ (by request)	Used to document HOWARD FAST..			
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T-32 NY 1294-S*	Used to document PAUL ROBESON			
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T-33 [REDACTED]	IRS action against CP, USA	1/9/56		
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T-34 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (by request)	Bank account of CP, USA	11/1/55 12/1/55 1/3/56	ALPHONSE J. SUTKUS, DANIEL F. GARDE, ALPHONSE J. SUTKUS	
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T-35 [REDACTED]	CP, USA receipts for 10/55.	11/16/55		
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T-36 [REDACTED]	Eastern CP Farm Conference	12/21/55		
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	Info re CP Farm Pamphlet	9/21/55		
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	Info re fugitives surrender	12/21/55		
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	Documentation of HAROLD SIMON			
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T-36 (Cont'd)	Info re fugitives' surrender. Documentation of [redacted] Economic Commission established by CP, to be headed by VICTOR PERLO. Examination of PHIL BART by doctors and nothing found wrong.	12/21/55 11/30/55 11/30/55		
T-37 [redacted]	<del>CP Farm leaflet</del>	<del>12/15/55</del>	<del>SA ZACK J. VAN LANDING HAM and</del> [redacted]	
T-38 [redacted]	CP Farm leaflet	11/22/55		[redacted]
T-39 NY 1642-S*	WILLIAM PATTERSON letter re PAUL ROBESON	11/9/55		
T-40 [redacted]	Used to document [redacted]			
T-41 NY 1622-S*	NY State CP Leaders Discuss 1956 Elections 11/9/55 12/21/55	11/9/55 12/21/55		

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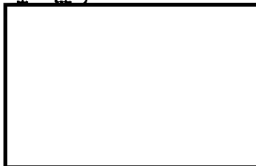
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Used to document LILLIAN GATES

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Consideration by  
CP of 290 Seventh  
Avenue, NYC, for  
its offices

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11/18/55  
and  
12/6/55



(by request)

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NY 1475-S\*

Discussion of use  
of premises of  
JSSS for offices  
of CP, and possible  
return to 35 East  
12th St., NYC.

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Location of offices  
of CP, USA at 268  
Seventh Avenue,  
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CG 5824-S

EUGENE DENNIS,  
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT  
and MAX WEISS on  
sub-committee on  
new leadership

10/18/55

SA JOHN  
E. KEATING

MAX WEISS to be  
Secretary of CP  
and WEISS and  
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT  
to be members of  
National Secretariat

11/8/55

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T-45 CG 5824-S (Cont'd)	JACK KLING assigned to Illinois-Indiana District, and to concentrate on steel industry there.	11/14/55	SA JOHN E. KEATING	
	Re establishment of CP National leadership	12/8/55	"	
	EUGENE DENNIS and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT leaders in reorgani- zation of CP	12/15/55	SA JOHN E. KEATING	
	Meeting of special sub-committee to be held shortly after first of year to choose National leadership, with CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT heading sub-committee	12/23/55	SA CARL N. FREYMAN	
	Planning of CP National Convention to be held on or about 2/12/56	10/17/55	SA JOHN E. KEATING	
T-46 <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div>	"Daily Worker" finances	11/10/55	SA GUSTAV S. ABRANDT	

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Several symbols, T-12, T-21 and T-45 were utilized for CG 5824-S in order to better protect the identity of this source.

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Copies of this report have been designated for all offices, in accordance with specific Bureau instructions.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will follow and report pertinent activities of the CP,USA for the quarterly period January 1, 1956, to March 31, 1956.

REFERENCE: Report of SA JOSEPH V. WATERS, 10/19/55, NY.

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AIR TEL

NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 1/30/56

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CP, USA MEMBERSHIP  
IS-C PAYLET.

[redacted] orally advised SA R. M. BLASER on January 27 last, that LOU, (ph), LNU, Queens County Membership Director, recently gave the informant numerous 3 by 5 yellow cards spaced off into 16 columns. In the column at the extreme left of the card, a number will be inserted by a club organizer which will represent the name of a CP member. Club organizers and section financial and membership directors of the Queens County CP will maintain these cards.

In the second column of the card, will be placed a letter to represent the amount of dues that each member pays. The letter A will represent a \$10 dues payment. The letter B will represent a \$3 dues payment. The letter C will represent a \$2.50 dues payment. The letter D will represent a \$1.25 dues payment. The letter E will represent a 50¢ dues payment. The letter F will represent a 15¢ dues payment. The letters AA will reflect a payment of \$20 dues.

The next 12 columns represent the months of the year. In each column under the appropriate month, (indicated by the numbers 1 - 12) a check will be placed to indicate that dues were paid.

- 3-Bureau (RM) (Enc. 1)
- 1-New York [redacted]
- 1-New York (100-81335) (Security Measures) (19)
- 1-New York (100-127443) (LOU (ph), LNU, Queens County Membership Director) (20-13)
- 1-New York (100-26603)-c41 (Queens County CP)
- 1-New York (100-86624) Sub A (Paylet.) (International Relations) (12-14)

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100-80638  
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The column after the columns provided for the 12 months, is a column marked A, which will reflect that the party member's contributions have been paid.

The next column is headed by the letter B, under which a check will be placed to indicate that a CP member has been registered. The last column will be used to show that a contribution has been made to the fund drive. No amounts will be shown in this column.

The letters PD will be placed in the last column to show that the CP member has contributed the entire amount of his pledge to the fund drive. Each club organizer is responsible to know the name of the person reflected only as a number in the extreme left column of the club organizer's 3 by 5 card. Each Section Financial and Membership Director of the Queens County CP will maintain a similar card.

The first column of this card will reflect a number which will represent the actual name of the club which will be known to the Section Financial and Membership Director and Club Organizer. The Club Organizer will designate the number to be used to represent a club name. The number placed on top of the Club Organizer's card will indicate the identity of the club. The Section Financial and Membership Director will copy the totals appearing on each club organizer's card. THE 3 by 5 card described herein is enclosed herewith to the Bureau.

If any of the foregoing information is used in report or disseminated outside the Bureau, it must be paraphrased to protect the identity of the informant.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-641) (20-13)

JAN 4 1956

SA RICHARD H. BLASSER

CP, USA, DISTRICT  
NUMBER TWO  
NEW YORK DIVISION  
(QUEENS COUNTY CP)  
IS-C

Source:

Reliability:

[REDACTED]  
This informant has  
furnished reliable  
information in the  
past and his identity  
must be concealed by  
the use of a T symbol.

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Description of  
Activity:

Twelve copies of CP  
registrations for  
unknown individuals.

Received:

12/28/55

Location:

100-26603-641,  
Exhibit # 1A 6526

On 12/28/55, [REDACTED] furnished to SA RICHARD H.  
BLASSER copies of twelve CP registrations of Party individuals  
from the Jamaica, Bell, Professional, and East Queens Sections  
of the Queens County CP who registered during the recent CP  
registration.

- [REDACTED]  
✓ 1-NY 100-80638 (MEMBERSHIP) (12-14)  
1-NY 100-26603-6358 (JAMAICA SECTION) (20-13)  
1-NY 100-26603-1846 (EAST QUEENS SECTION) (20-13)  
1-NY 100-26603-1185 (PROFESSIONAL SECTION) (20-13)  
1-NY 100-26603-1845 (BELL SECTION) (20-13)

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Memo to SAC, New York  
NY 100-26603-441

The identity of these individuals are not known to the informant.

The informant pointed out that two of the twelve registrations are for attorneys who are members of the National Lawyers' Guild. The column on the registration form captioned "Length of Time in Organization" (CP) is not filled out in these two instances for security reasons.

The informant secured the above described registrations from the Jamaica, Bell, East Queens, and Professional Sections on 12/27/55.

## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603 Sub C 43) (#20-11) DATE: 2/3/56

FROM : SA JAMES E. REILLY

SUBJECT: KINGS COUNTY CP  
IS-C

Identity of Informant: NY 1474-S\*  
Reliability: Who has furnished reliable  
information in the past  
Date: 11/28/55

NY 1474-S\* advised that on 11/28/55, GEORGE KIRSCHNER and [redacted] at NY State CP Headquarters, discussed Negro registration in Brooklyn. GEORGE stated that the registration had been made by regions and not by sections and he had a breakdown of the Negro membership up until three or four weeks previously. He said that the total registration to date was 79 and [redacted] supplied the fact that that was Negro registration on a county wide basis of which approximately two thirds were veterans. [redacted] stated that the point in issue was whether or not [redacted] would know how much of his membership was Negro. [redacted] decided that he would not know how many more Negroes he had beyond the 41 he had on the total list.

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- 1 - NY 100-92547 (GEORGE KIRSCHNER) (#20-11)  
1 - NY 100-63755 (LEON NELSON) (#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-80640 (CP, USA NEGRO QUESTION) (#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA MEMBERSHIP) (#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-52959 (CHARLES LOMAN) (#19)  
1 - NY 100-100326 [redacted] (#20-11)  
1 - NY 100-107266 [redacted] (#20-11)  
1 - NY 100-26603 Sub C 40 (BRONX COUNTY CP) (#20-10)  
1 - NY 100-26603 Sub C 41 (QUEENS COUNTY CP) (#20-13)  
1 - NY 100-26603 Sub C 42 (NY COUNTY CP) (#12-14)  
1 - NY 100-26603 Sub C 1214 (HARLEM REGION CP) (#12-16)  
1 - NY 100- [redacted] (PH) (#7-6)  
1 - NY 100-79937 [redacted] (#20-11)

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GEORGE stated that he thought that [ ] had in excess of 19 more than were registered in 1953. [ ] then asked GEORGE who was working with the Bedford registration and GEORGE replied that it was [ ] (believed to be [ ])

[ ] then told KIRSCHNER that "we" had met with three counties already and were meeting with Brooklyn on the next day (presumably 11/29/55) at [ ] (PH) (it is believed that the name might possibly be [ ] and might refer to [ ]).

During the course of the discussion, according to the informant, a blackboard was apparently used but the following information was developed: that the Negro membership which had been registered was far below the membership which had previously been registered in both the Bronx and Harlem, although this was not on a county wide basis but referred to Harlem and Prospect. [ ] stated that they were going to end up with a dangerously low membership in the sense that it would be far lower than what they had. [ ] also stated that Corona had reached 93% of its registration and had very little more to go.

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[ ] also told KIRSCHNER that they would go over reorganization and re-registration on Tuesday (presumably 12/6/55).

Later that same afternoon, according to the informant, [ ] discussed the literature set up and stated that they had had one [ ] (PH) come into the district to handle literature and this was an unusual circumstance. He said that the reason they were not making any big demand in regard to him was because they hoped they could get someone else of the caliber of [ ] who would be politically able to go some place with their literature, and not just to handle it technically as far as distribution was concerned. As regards the distribution end of the literature question, [ ] remarked that Brooklyn had a different kind of a bookshop, and the Bronx had what he considered an ideal kind of set up which cost them nothing and in which the Party organization knew there was a place to go on one, two, or three nights a week where bundles of literature could be picked up.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK ✓

FROM : *JWA* DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

DATE: February 1, 1956

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference is made to letter from SAC, Chicago, dated January 18, 1956, captioned "Communist Party, USA, Organization; Internal Security - C," setting forth the following information furnished by CG 5824-S\* who was in recent conversation with Phil Bart, National Administrative Committee member, and [redacted] head of the National Review Commission, while they were all in New York City.

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Letter to SAC, New York

The informant advised that Communist Party (CP) leadership in every Party district have been told to make up a list of the membership of the CP for the past seven or eight years. They are to make inquiries of every unit and every contact in order to relocate members who were lost because of a lack of frequent contact or who just dropped away from the CP.

CG 5824-S\* learned that the Party has already prepared a list of close to 3,500 names of people in New York City whom it plans to contact and, if possible, bring back to the CP. Similar lists are apparently being prepared in Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit and other large cities throughout the United States.

In addition, an effort will be made to go back into the smaller cities in several states in order to re-establish contacts in those communities which were neglected during the period when a large portion of the CP leadership was operating in the underground.

All offices should be especially alert to the possibility of gaining access to such a list as mentioned above, and thereafter employ full utilization of its contents to effectively increase all aspects of our coverage of the CP, USA.

The informant also learned that the CP plans to reduce the number of persons who are members-at-large. Every individual will be expected to be assigned to a club except those in very strategic positions. These persons, for security reasons, may remain members-at-large but must be in contact with someone from the Party. The reasons for assigning as many members as possible to clubs are: first, to retain discipline; and second, to be able to collect dues and other funds which the Party needs from day to day.

Letter to SAC, New York

By Bureau letter to SAC, New York, and all offices dated October 10, 1955, captioned "Communist Party, USA, Organization; Internal Security - C," and again by Bureau letter to SAC, New York, copies all offices, dated December 9, 1955, captioned "Communist Party, USA, Membership; Internal Security - C," it was pointed out that the Bureau desires each office following identification of the various clubs and their functionaries to further intensify its investigations until every member of each club is identified. In keeping with the information set forth herein from CG 5824-S\* relating to the enrollment of practically all Party members in clubs, it is believed essential to again point out that it is fundamental that each office should gear its investigations to insure complete identification of each Party member assigned to a club. It is also fundamental that in absence of other means, investigations leading to this complete ~~identification~~ can be activated through discreet coverage of leading functionaries in your district noting their contact with lesser Party luminaries, subsequently covering these lesser figures, and so forth down the line until each active Party member is known to your office. The Bureau will closely follow your efforts and results in this regard.

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In addition to the above, [redacted] advised on January 19, 1956, that [redacted] Organizational [redacted] of the Queens County CP, had reported that the current CP registration will end on February 8, 1956. Only those who are traveling or those who otherwise cannot be reached will be allowed to register after February 8, 1956. Those who are refusing to register at this time and still persist after the February 8, 1956, deadline will be dropped from the Party.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-75)

DATE: FEB 3 1956

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (100-11067)

SUBJECT: CP, USA  
NEGRO QUESTION  
IS-C

Re Albany letter to the Director dated January 9, 1956, captioned "Cominfil, NAACP, IS-C" (Bureau file 61-3176) which sets forth information received from [redacted] on December 18, 1955, concerning a meeting of the Party Commission on the Negro question held in New York City on December 17, 1955, which was attended by [redacted] a Security Index subject of the Albany Division.

On December 24, 1955, AL 2962-S\* made available to ASAC JOE D. JAMIESON and Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] material which the informant advised had been in the possession of [redacted] and [redacted] Security Index subjects residing in Albany, New York. The material was photographed and returned to the informant.

CC: 3 - Bureau (100-3-75)  
1 - Bureau (61-3176)(NAACP)  
1 - New York (100-NAACP)  
① - New York (100-MEMBERSHIP) ✓  
1 - New York (100-NEGRO QUESTION)  
1 - New York (100-ORGANIZATION)  
1 - New York (100-62509 (12-11) DOXEY WILKERSON)  
2 - New York  
1 - New York (100-56205) [redacted]  
1 - New York (100-[redacted])  
1 - New York (UNSUB. [redacted])  
1 - New York (100-UNSUB. [redacted])  
1 - New York (100-WILLIAM FOSTER)  
1 - New York (100-"DAILY WORKER")  
1 - New York (100-ABNER BERRY)  
1 - Albany (100-11288) (STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)  
1 - Albany (100-9085) (NAACP)  
1 - Albany (100-11067) (NEGRO QUESTION)  
1 - Albany (100-8494) [redacted]  
1 - Albany (100-9865) [redacted]  
1 - Albany [redacted]

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[redacted] self-admitted  
Communist Party member from 1946 to  
1950, in public testimony before the  
HCUA in Albany, New York on April 7,  
1954, identified [redacted]  
[redacted] as Communist Party members.

The following is a portion of the material furnished  
by [redacted] which was contained in a spiral type notebook.  
The following is quoted from pages of this notebook: [redacted]  
[redacted]

"Discussion - Abner -

Negro Representation hub of struggle in South -  
Must spell out a little more the meaning of Bourgeois - Rev -  
Not getting support of white Masses - (Whole question  
of student movement in Georgia & Mississippi)

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One key to changing minds of NAA leadership on CRM  
approach - Relation with labor unions - Letters from  
Reuther to all UAW locals should be spread throughout all  
Trade Unions - Churches should be pulled into this -

Doxey -

A big breakthrough on this issue -

Once call out on a limited type of CRM - what about  
other mass orgs in Negro Liberation Movement call for people  
to go in support & backing up the action - also churches  
and other orgs carrying on parallel actions -

[redacted]  
Growing movement of Jewish Man movement in relationship  
with Negro Peoples Struggle -

Gould-serve-2-ergs JWV - Has substantial influence  
in Jewish community despite being small - can  
influence them to move on this action -

AJ.C - Stands committed  
Nationally, but lack of local autonomy causes them  
to sit on their hands - Should be pushed on question  
of food & funds - Must avoid 2 dangers - our people  
trailing on question of Jewish rights - Our people due  
to long history of left tactics if they were to start moving  
would create many difficulties -

[redacted]  
Ideological weakness in minds of left because of their

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"distrust of leadership of orgs moving is cause of many problems -  
Must work to force city council to move and act -  
This would help to exert pressure on State -

Conclusion -

Additional proposal - dissatisfied with action in  
predominantly white communities -

Try to get N Y Post to open question & pursue -  
CRM & Food & Fund campaign not highlighted  
enough in DW - They should send reporter to South -  
[redacted] speaking at Emancipation Meeting at a  
church - an emancipation Rally-)

Main ideological question - we have tendencies that  
have to be defeated - the central obstacle is the concept  
that we-must as set forth by NAA leadership and  
other is that we can't move them - they involve  
an underestimation of the Negro Peoples Movements -  
and an overestimation of effect of reformist leaders on people -

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AFL-CIO Merge - [redacted] -

Foster said in very beginning that of all the issues -  
racism would be big issue - All influenced by national &  
international conditions - Movement in South -

Must find ways & means of implementing paper  
resolutions - Must see role of a demagogue like [redacted] -  
Developments moved by NLC"

Two extra copies of this letter are being sent to  
the New York Office in the event that additional files have  
been opened by that office on this matter which are not known  
to the Albany Division.

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AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

Buffalo (100-4379-100)

Director, FBI (100-3-81)

IRVING GOFF, was.  
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BU 185-S\* reported that on 1/31/56, a conversation took place in Buffalo, New York, between IRVING GOFF, the Organizer of the Upstate County Organization of the New York State CP, and JOHN FRANCIS NOTO, the Buffalo Smith Act Subject who is presently out on bail awaiting trial. BU 185-S\* stated that during a portion of the conversation IRVING GOFF said "when you fight on your own homeland, (it is) better than in a colonial war such as in Indo-China..... the French Communists did everything such as desert, shoot their officers etc." GOFF continued by saying "if I was in Korea I would say the hell with fighting, I want to go home and live. This is a political war and I don't want to fight for politicians."

BU 185-S\* reported that NOTO remarked that he read the biography of Prime Minister NEHRU of India. NOTO referring to NEHRU, said "he is a Marxist." GOFF said that he knew that NEHRU was a Socialist, but NOTO said "No, he is a Marxist."

Later during the conversation GOFF remarked that he wished "the Party could develop today like it did in 1928 and 1930 from nothing to a big force overnight..... the 25,000 would become a million today, etc. and they would be there when you needed them."



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- 4 - Bureau (3 100-3-81)
  - (1 100-3-68) (MEMBERSHIP) (AM-RM)
- 1 - New York (CP MEMBERSHIP) (AM-RM)
- 5 - Buffalo (100-4379-100)
  - (1 100-11903) (IRVING GOFF)
  - (1 100-1377) (JOHN NOTO)
  - (1 100-4379-77) (COLONIAL MATTERS)
  - (1 100-4379-68) (MEMBERSHIP)

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Identity of Informant	NY 1317-S* (who had access to CP National Headquarters, 268 7th Ave., NYC)
Reliability of Informant	who has supplied reliable information in the past
Date Contacted	12/22/55

Informant made available for photographing a one page sheet that appears to be a recapitulation of dues receipts breakdown by district.

Copy of this sheet, as made available by informant, is herewith attached.

Inasmuch as the dates appearing on this sheet are from January to May, 1955, complete dissemination is not being made to all field divisions.

The original photograph of the above information, as made available by informant, is being attached to the original NY copy of this communication.

Negatives may be located in NY 100-4931-1A611.

- 4 - Bureau (RM)
  - (2 - 100-3-63)
  - (1 - 100-3-69) (CP, USA, ORGANIZATION)
  - (1 - 100-3-68) (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP)
- 1 - NY 100-80641 (CP, USA) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-80638 (CP, USA, MEMBERSHIP) (#12-14)
- 1 - NY 100-74560

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	Total Ds	%Av.	Assmts	Rcts	%Reg
1. NY	39181	75	5242	27	?
2. NE	611	28	193		90
3. E. Pa.	0	0	0		65
4. W. Pa.	332	46	0		?
5. Ohio	744	30 ?	46		101
6. Mich.	0	0	71		?
7. Ill	2138	39	199	6	100 (assumed)
8. Minn	914	61	103		90
9. Ore	0	0	0		?
10. Wash	5	0	80		40
11. N.J.	737	18	539	5	90
12. Conn	490	31	71		77
13. Wisc	347	35	70	4	60
14. Colo	56	-	0		?
15. Mo	54	-	0		30
16. Ind	59	12	84		83
17. Mont	0	0	0		?
18. Md-Wash	588	55	60	1	102
19. Va	90	53	13		?
20. Fla.	180	51	0		?
21. NC	149	27	2		?
22. Tn	76	130	1		?
23. Ala	204	57	22	1	?
24. Cal	0	0	0		93
25. La.	204	74	*		?
	47,159	47	6796	44	

\* \$ but no breakdown

Ds Denominations:

Total checked:

46,988 for same period. A number of categories did not exist, and were included in nearest denomination, which does not significantly alter %s. Discrepancy of total checked with above due to cases of number of ds reported without breakdown.

7568 @ .15	or 16.1%
16338 @ .50	or 34.5%
10196 @ 1.25	or 21.7%
5976 @ 2.50	or 12.7%
1416 @ 3.00	or 8.8%
2680 @ 10.00	or 5.8%
68 @ over 10.	or .4%

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* \* \* \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18952)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
MEMBERSHIP  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 2-7-56

Care should be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the following information to SA JOHN E. KEATING on February 2, 1956. The informant had received this information in recent conversations with PHIL BART, who is doing organizational and financial work for the National Office of the Communist Party.

Registered Communist Party  
Members in Ohio

BART told CG 5824-S that he had been in Ohio before coming to Chicago, and that at the present time the current number of registered Communist Party members

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Cleveland (100- ) (CP - USA, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Cincinnati (100- ) (CP - USA, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Indianapolis (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100- ) (CP - USA, Membership)
  - (1 - 100-9529) (EMANUEL BLUM)
- 2 - New York (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100-80638) (CP - USA, Membership)
  - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- 1 - Omaha (100- ) (CP - USA, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Springfield (100- ) (CP - USA, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 3 - Chicago (100-18952)
  - (1 - A/134-46)
  - (1 - 100-24729) (EMANUEL BLUM)

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in the Ohio District is 472. BART stated that he was told that the Ohio District hopes to have a total registration of 550 members. CG 5824-S learned from BART that these figures for Ohio are considered very good by both the Ohio District and the National Office, and that they represent an increase in membership of 40% over the figures for 1955.

Registered Communist Party  
Members in Illinois and  
Lake County, Indiana

CG 5824-S also learned from BART the total number of registered Communist Party members in Illinois and Lake County, Indiana, at the present time is 894. This figure is considered very disappointing and while the Communist Party hopes to register a much larger number in Illinois and Lake County, Indiana, BART stated that the trend thus far indicates that there will not be much of an improvement in the registration figures for Illinois. CG 5824-S stated that in the opinion of the informant, the final registration figure for Illinois and Lake County, Indiana, will probably be between 1,000 and 1,100 members.

Registered Communist Party  
Members in Indiana Exclusive  
of Lake County

BART told CG 5824-S that he had been told by MANNY BLUM that the current number of registered Communist Party members in Indiana exclusive of Lake County is 60. BART also stated that he learned from BLUM that there is a good possibility of registering another 20 or so members and that eventually the number of registered members in Indiana exclusive of Lake County may reach a maximum of 90.

BART also told CG 5824-S that the Party is dissatisfied with the work of MANNY BLUM in Indiana, and stated that possibilities exist for the growth of the Communist Party in Indiana South of Indianapolis in such cities as Richmond, Anderson and Muncie.

Registered Communist Party  
Members in Nebraska

BART told CG 5824-S that at the present time there are ten registered Communist Party members in the State of Nebraska.

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Dues Payments in the  
National Office

CG 5824-S also learned from BART that there has been an increase of 40% in the national dues payments being received by the National Office of the Communist Party.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM \* \* \* \* UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-36)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-9280)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
DISTRICT #18 - ORGANIZATION  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 2-8-56

Care should be used in reporting the following information in order to protect the identity of the informant.

CG 5824-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information to SA JOHN E. KEATING on February 6, 1956. CG 5824-S received this information during a recent meeting between [redacted] and PHIL BART. It is noted that CG 5824-S has advised that PHIL BART holds a position equivalent to National Organizational

- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100-3-68)(CP - USA, Membership)
- 4 - New York (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100-80611)(CP - USA, Organization)
  - (1 - 100-80638)(CP - USA, Membership)
  - (1 - 100-56579)(PHIL BART)
  - (1 - 100- )(JOE NORTH)
- 11 - Milwaukee (REGISTERED)
  - (1 - 100-42-I)(CP - USA, Organization)
  - (1 - 100- )(CP - USA, Membership)
  - (1 - 100- )(CP - USA, Strategy in Industry)
  - (1 - 100- )(CP - USA, Negro Question)
  - (1 - 100-4)([redacted])
  - (1 - 100-3)([redacted])
  - (1 - 100- )([redacted])
  - (1 - 100- )([redacted])
  - (1 - 100- )MARK
  - (1 - 100-3973)([redacted])
  - (1 - 100- )PEG
  - (1 - 100- )ROBERT
- 2 - Chicago
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RE: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA  
DISTRICT #18 - ORGANIZATION

Secretary of the Communist Party - USA. For the information of the Milwaukee Division, the national leadership of the Communist Party - USA wants CG 5824-S to become Co-ordinator of midwestern Communist Party Districts.

District Secretariat of the  
Wisconsin Communist Party District

CG 5824-S advised that [redacted] and [redacted] constitute the [redacted] of the Wisconsin Communist Party District. [redacted] is the only full-time Party employee. [redacted] is a part-time Party employee. [redacted] is not on and will not be put on the Party payroll. As previously reported, he will run the Mark Twain Book Store in Milwaukee.

District Board of the Wisconsin  
Communist Party District

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CG 5824-S advised that the District Board of the Wisconsin Communist Party District consists of seven persons. In addition to SHAW, EISENSCHER and BLAIR, the first names of the remaining four members of the District Board are as follows:

[redacted]

None of these persons is a Negro.

District Committee of the  
Wisconsin Communist Party District

CG 5824-S advised that the District Committee of the Wisconsin District consists of nineteen persons. CG 5824-S did not learn the identity of any of these persons, but pointed out that the members of the District Board would also be members of the District Committee. Of these nineteen persons, two are Negroes. The Secretariat realizes that a Negro should be on the District Board; however, the two Negroes on the District Committee are not fully trusted as yet, therefore, one of them has not been selected for the District Board up to this time.

Membership in the Wisconsin  
Communist Party District

CG 5824-S advised that as of February 1, 1956, the

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Wisconsin District Secretariat advised that they have registered 160 members and expect to register an additional twenty members. The figure of 160 members equals the registration figure for 1954. In 1954 there was only one Negro Communist Party member registered in Wisconsin; however, at the present time there are twelve Negro Communist Party members in Wisconsin.

Communist Party Organization  
in Wisconsin

CG 5824-S learned that the Wisconsin Communist Party District has two divisions in Milwaukee. One of these divisions is a community division and has 57 registered members. The other division is an industrial division and there are 23 registered members in this division. There are also ten members-at-large in Milwaukee, for a total membership in Milwaukee of ninety.

CG 5824-S also learned that the remaining seventy registered members in Wisconsin are outside of the city of Milwaukee, and the following partial figures were given:

There are fourteen registered members in Madison, with the expectation that one more individual will be registered in Madison. There are seven registered members in Racine, with the registration in Racine completed. There are four registered members in Kenosha, with a possibility that one or two more members may be registered.

Instructions of PHIL BART  
to the Wisconsin Communist  
Party leadership

CG 5824-S advised that BART told the three members of the Wisconsin District Secretariat that efforts should be made to stop the recent national trend of decline in Communist Party membership. BART suggested that they recontact people who were in the Communist Party at one time, particularly those who are presently working in the shops, with a view in mind of registering some of them in the Communist Party. Efforts should be made to build the Party at least to a limited extent; however, no pressure will be put on the District by the National Office in this regard and there will be no extensive national drive for new members.

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BART also instructed them to continue to do broad united front work and establish contacts with all persons with Socialist inclinations.

Preparations for a  
Communist Party meeting  
in Milwaukee

During this meeting, a discussion arose over the current tour being made by JOE NORTH, correspondent for the "Daily Worker", who is speaking on WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. The members of the Milwaukee District Secretariat stated that they would prefer organizing a meeting in Milwaukee, as a sort of celebration of FOSTER's birthday, which would be limited to Communist Party members, thus would be a closed meeting rather than the semi-public type of meeting at which NORTH usually speaks. Members of the Milwaukee Secretariat want to have a leading member of the Party cadre speak at this meeting and take up inner-Party problems, and they feel that NORTH is not capable of speaking at this type of meeting. They stated that they were willing to sacrifice a semi-public meeting, if necessary, in order to hold this Party meeting.

CG 5824-S stated that BART agreed that the Wisconsin District could organize a Party meeting and would not have to have JOE NORTH in Milwaukee for a speech.

Any further information received in regard to this proposed meeting in Milwaukee will promptly be transmitted to the Milwaukee Division.



SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100- )

SAC, NEW YORK (100-80638)

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Identity of Informant

NY 1317-S\* who had access  
to the National Headquarters  
of the CP, 268 Seventh Ave.,  
NYC.

Reliability of Informant

who has furnished reliable  
information in the past.

Date Contacted

1/11/56

Informant made available an envelope that was  
apparently addressed to the Eastern Pennsylvania District  
of the CP with instructions to return it to the San Fran-  
cisco District. This envelope contained a note to the  
Philadelphia from the California District dated 11/29/55.  
The reverse side of this note contains the handwritten  
answer of Philadelphia. The note pertains to the transfer  
from Philadelphia to San Francisco of one [redacted]

Photostats are being attached to all copies of  
this communication with the exception of the original NY  
copy which has a photograph attached.

Negatives of this information may be located in  
NY 100-4931-1A612.

4-San Francisco (100- ) (RM)  
    (1-San Francisco 100- [redacted])  
    (1-San Francisco 100- [redacted])  
1-Philadelphia 100- (CP USA Membership) (RM)  
1-Philadelphia 100- [redacted] (RM)  
1-Philadelphia 100- [redacted] (RM)  
1-New York (100-80638)

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